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Britain's most gifted Mimic interviewed Weekend, page 3

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New deal will fund care of elderly

Major pledge of state cash to ease hardship

secured.

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

A pre-election initiative of a the private sector to promote the widespread use of individual insurance for long term care of the elderly is being planned by the Government.

John Major is expected today to give the strongest public mdication yet that he favours policy under which the state will. match long term provision provided by insurance companies to prevent the elderly in long term care losing their assets, in-

ly to confirm in his keynote speech to the Conservative Central Council in Harrogate that the Government will produce a White Paper after East- "Our Nation's Future", the er laying out detailed options for document published this week the serious problem of tackling the spiralling costs of the elderly

in residential care. He is preparing to treat the commitment to tackling the issue as a key section of the party's goal of making Britain a Nation of Opportunity and Ownership, one of five themes ranging speech setting out an the party will combinue to emelectoral platform which will the party will comtinue to emphasise between now and the

general election. Late drafts of Mr Major's speech, which will be finalised this morning as he returns from the opening of the Inter-Gov-ernmental Conference in Turin, include a pointed reference to long term care which will underline the Government's commitment to tackling the issue. Although the final details could await the manifesto, the Government may produce them

At present the state only meets the full costs of nursing. home care if the individual's assets are worth less than £10,000. This means that the family home frequently has to be sold, and the life savings massively depleted, to ensure state provision. Ministers have already de-

HEATHER MILLS -

Home Affairs Correspondent

In c. Manufliating climbdown.

Mi-hael Henerd, the Home cerretary allows admitted he wrongfully sacked Perek Lewis, the former head. The prison service, and will no heavy up to £200,000 in compensation.

An agreement reached the High Court yesterday is victory for the former television.

victory for the former television

chief, who has always claimed

he was made the scapegoat for

the embarrassing escapes of three dangerous men from

Parkhurst prison on the Isle of Wight - only weeks after IRA terrorists had fled another top

The seulement, in what has

been a personal and acrimo-

nious hattle between the two

men, re-opens the thorny ques-

tion about whether ministers,

cided in principle – as disclosed by the Independent – in favour of a scheme which would allow the elderly to keep their assets "pound-for-pound" deal with to the value of the private indsurance cover which they had

> In other words, if a person gets £60,000 in insurance provision for residential nursery home care over three years, the government would allow them to keep £60,000 - instead of the current £10,000 - of their assets or savings, even though the state is paying for the rest of their provision.

At present the insurance industry calculates that such a levcluding family homes. dustry calculates that such a lev-The Prime Minister is like el of provision could be provided with a lump sum premium, paid on retirement, of around £9,000.

The issue is highlighted in parties acknowledge is on the findings of the most comprehensive consultation exercise carried out among the party's rank and file membership - and describing provision of long term care as a "matter of major concern to Conservatives".

Mr Major's emphasis on long term care will come in a wideemphasise his determination to encourage an increase in aca-

demically selective schools.

Basing his speech on the five electoral themes - Opportunity and Ownership, Law and Order, Enterprise and Prosperity. Sovereign Nation, and First Class Public Services - Mr Major will also go out of his way to draw the line between Labour's view of Europe and support for devolution with the Tory view of Britain as a distinct and united nation state.

Yesterday the Cabinet's big guns. Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, were wheeled out at the central council to emphasise the Tories' unifying concept of Britain as the Enterprise Centre of Eu-

Harrogate reports, page 2

Prison chief wrongly

sacked, says Howard

to day operations, were to

blame for the failures that led

Mr Lewis, who, from the

moment he was dismissed last October made it clear he would

not go quietly, immediately ac-cused Mr Howard of wasting

iaxpayers' money. He said: "The attempt to distinguish be-

ween policy and operations was no more than a political field of such a small figleaf that

The former prison chief has issued his writ in the middle of

a political storm over the run-

ning of the country's jails, claiming 12 occasions when Mr

Howard intervened in opera-

it was grossly indecent."

to the debacle.

Grand National alert for Aintree's big day



Racing home: Coulton (left) and Viking Flagship clear one of the fences during the second race at Aintree yesterday

RICHARD EDMONDSON Racing Correspondent

this afternoon, not all of them belonging to jockeys who face the ultimate racing challenge of the Grand National. In the wake of the Cheltenham Festival earlier this month, when 10 horses met their deaths, security has been day's events from animal rights protesters

stepped up for the race some portray as the greatest killing field of them all.

Officers have been on 24-hour alert There will be worried faces at Aintree since Monday, patrolling the grounds and searching prominent locations on the course. More than 400 members of security will be on duty this afternoon, em-

ploying a closed-circuit television system. There have been threats to disrupt to-

and a milder message from the League Against Cruel Sports. "Events such as the Grand National are far too gruelling for the animals involved," Kevin Saunders, a spokesman, said yesterday. "We call on the racing authorities and the general public to recognise that it is unacceptable to ask any horse to forfeit its

life in the name of sport." With betting tax now down to 9 per

cent, bookmakers expect turnover to hold its own. The National is Britain's most popular sporting betting event. Bet-

ting shops are expected to handle more than £100m from 15 million people. Only 28 runners are likely to line up this afternoon. Last night Ladbrokes had four joint-favourites on 7-1, in Rough Quest, Son Of War, Superior Finish and

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ROBERT FISK

The independent's Middle East Correspondent, was named Foreign Reporter of the Year in this week's **British Press Awards**

Europe may lift ban on British beef on Monday

SARAH HELM and JOJO MOYES

The possibility that the European ban on British beef could be lifted as early as Monday was signalled yesterday at the meeting of European leaders in

ture ministers in Brussels on

reached court it would damage

Mr Lewis will now receive a

year's salary of £125,000 but will

fight for bonus and pension con-

These legal proceedings should not have been neces-

sary," he said. "This has been

an open-and-shut case from

the beginning and yet I have re-

ceived no explanation for my

dismissal or any apology."

Adding to Mr Howard's em-

barrassment yesterday was the news that he has still not been

able to find a successor for the

man he sacked. Headhunters

have told the Home Office the

task of finding suitable candi-dates to head the country's

troubled jail system has been hampered by the treatment of

Mr Howard even more.

tributions worth £75,000.

Turin. Amid resounding declarations of solidarity with Britain. the European heads of government held out the hope that the ban could be lifted as soon as a new British package of BSE-eradication measures is agreed by the European Commission. It now seems likely that such a package will be ready for discussion by an emergency meeting of European agricul-

Monday. Britain's hope is that European veterinary scientists would then make a speedy recom-mendation to the Commission

who decide prison policy, or civ-him. Those close to Mr Lewis

il servants, responsible for day claimed that if his action ever



Major: Restoring confidence to end the ban. "As soon as we have agreed the package we will be able to restore confidence. That confidence will be suffi-

cient to lift the ban placed on British beef," said Mr Major. Britain's European partners also pledged yesterday to give substantial financial assistance to the British beef industry, once

that package is approved.

Jucques Santer, the Commission president said: "The community Speaking as if the beef crisis must play its role. We have shown our solidarity with the UK to combat this and to re-

Jacques Chirac, the French President, said European leaders had shown "one hundred per cent solidarity with Britain". British officials were in Brussels yesterday hammering out a programme for the phased

store confidence in the market."

slaughter of cattle, and a deal on Commission compensation. No figures were given but John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said the programme being proposed by Britain would be more dramatic than measures in place so far.

Lamberto Dini, the Italian Prime Minister and president of the European Council, said the possibility of lifting the ban would be a "first priority" for

was past its worst. Mr Major repeated his criticism of the European export ban, and spoke of the "collective hysteria" which it had helped fuel in Britain and across the continent. "Everybody realised that panic merely breeds more panic." he said. The crisis had left "deep scars", said the Prime Minister. While the government remained adamant that the scientific evidence proved that British beef was safe, there were "lessons to be learned" about how to prevent hysteria in beef scares of the future which could happen anywhere in Europe.

Meanwhile, the lack of consumer confidence in British beef continued to manifest itself in stores across the country

designed to trap crowds of peo-

ple. However, only sticky foam

which made it difficult for ri-

oters to move forward and pep-per sprays were actually used.

also spent \$283,000 on non-

lethal weapons for the invasion

of Haiti, including bean bags and rubber balls to trip people

There is, of course, another

threat to the Marines' future

foes: they might die laughing.

up, but did not use them.

The American authorities

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Aids hunt

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tional duties – including the question of Private Lee Clegg being held following a right-wing press campaign to free dates to troubled is hampered Mr Lewis.

Weapons that don't kill? Tell it to the marines malia, including a machine that lays down a wall of bubbles laced with tear gas and a can-non that fires a glue-soaked net

CHRIS BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

The US Marines, who have battled their way around the world with bayonets bullets and true grit, are preparing to de-fend the free world with the latest in weapons technology sponges, glue, sticky foam, bean

bags and a rather nasty noise. These "non-lethal weapons" have long been regarded by military experts as virtually useless. but with the Pentagon deciding to increase its spending on them by \$5.2m to \$37.2m this year, the Marines will work with the other armed services and agencies such as the CIA to make equipment including the "12-gauge bean bag" and the "40mm foam rubber baton"

a force to be reckoned with. The Marine Corps, which fought long and hard for the ho-

section

nour of being chosen to expand "non-lethal warfare", believes that the weapons will be of great value, particularly in peacekeeping operations such as those in Bosnia and Somalia where minimum force has to be used to try to avoid alienating the local population.

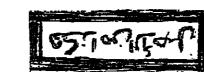
And instead of practising their blood-curdling war cries the Marines will be instructed in the use of "bio-acoustic weapons that cause a "digestive reaction" - in other words, they will be taught how to use machines that make low-frequency sounds which make people feel sick. It is not expected that the Marines will change their training chant from "I love my

rifle" to "I love my bean bag. The United States has already spent \$126,000 on a va-riety of non-lethal weapons which were to be used in So-

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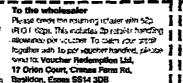


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Conservative Central Council: Good news as party funds improve but bad news as propaganda paper delayed Election boost as overdraft slashed

COLIN BROWN Chief political correspondent

The Tory Party's plans for fighting the General Election were given a boost last night by the disclosure that the party had slashed its overdraft by £8m to

Senior party sources claimed the cut in the £10.5m overdraft had been achieved by increased

DONALD MACINTYRE

An imminent Cabinet row is

looming next week after clear

signs that Kenneth Clarke, the

Chancellor, is still digging in

over his opposition to promise a referendum on the single

Mr Clarke, with the backing

of Michael Heseltine, is still re-

sisting powerful Cabinet pres-

sure led by John Major to

secure full backing for an ear-

Britain will not enter a refer-

endum without a single cur-

his tough line despite strenuous

efforts to secure a compromise by ensuring that the Cabinet

would have to take collective re-

sponsibility for a decision to join

a single currency-and expres-

sions of optimism by some Cab-inet colleagues that they will still

Although the final show-

ednesday-the last meeting of

down has not yet been fixed for

the Cabinet before the com-

mons' Easter recess, some Cab-

inet ministers are impatient to

get the decision over with at that

A paper detailing the options of how to run such a referen-

eign Secretary. The paper deals

with such difficult questions as

whether the referendum would

cision by Parliament to ap-

succeed.

public commitment that

The Chancellor is standing by

Political Editor

donors, opposed to Labour policies for a minimum wage, and the workers' rights under the European social chapter.

Some party sources said £18m had been received in donations over the past 12 months. from small businesses rather than large companies. 'A range of people are giving sums which are substantial but not massive."

The size of the reduction in donations, mainly from small the overdraft is certain to lead to speculation about the identhe overdraft is certain to lead

prove EMU membership, what the question would be, and

above all whether all the mem-

bers would have to campaign for

a yes vote or resign for the Cab-

inet if it did take a decision to

join a single currency.
Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine

are said to be deeply concerned that a concessions to those

backbenchers on the Tory Eu-

rosceptic right who have been

pressing for a referendum

promise will only result for

wider demands and that it risks

the party's european policy be-

ing "salami sliced" by conces-

sions both to bhackbenchers and

to the strident demands of Sir

James' Goldsmith's referen-

dum party. There have been

fears that Mr Clarke could yet

threaten to resign over the is-

sue. The group of eight former

"whipless" backbenchers last

week did indeed follow sir

James's example by calling for

a referendum on wider euro-

solely to the single currency.

pean issues than one limited

Hopes of a compromise rest

th Mr Major's personal view

that any referendum should

carry collective responsibility-un-

like the 1975 referendum in

which Harold Wilson, the then

Prime Minister allowed his

Cabinet ministers according to

their own views without risking

sponsibility that would mean

that Euro-scepties would have

to resign if they wanted to cam-

New clash over

referendum as

Clarke digs in

tity of the donors, who are being kept a secret by the Tory Party. Labour has protested at the Tories seeking financial support from foreign backers, but the sources confirmed a recent report in the Independent that more money is being raised in regional fund-raising events, including key businessmen in

A party source admitted for the first time that the party was close to bankruptcy in 1993.

Yorkshire.

"We wondered whether we could pay the staff at the end of the month at least on two occasions, when we thought we could go bankrupt."

The turn-around was achieved by cuts in staffing at Conservative Central Office but the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, said an increase in donations had reduced the overdraft with the Bank of Scotland. The Bank allowed the campaign and not advertiseoverdraft against the leasehold ments in newspapers. It means

on its Smith Square headquarters - the party sold the freehold in the 1980s - and never called in the loan. Sources said the

bank was now "more relaxed". "It means we will have a great deal more room for manocuvre in the general election campaign. At the last election, we were dealing with a deficit of £11m; it was one of the reasons why we opted for a poster

we can be much more flexible in our campaign next time," said the source.

The cut in the overdraft came as Tory activists warned membership was in decline in a meeting of the Conservative

Central Council at Harrogate. Graham Pycock, a member of the Dulwich and West Norwood Tories, and press officer of the

membership for the first time. The Charter group is campaigning for one-member-onevote democracy in the Tory Party, like Labour, to raise its

Dr Mawhinney, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, tried to lift the morale of the conference of Tory Charter group, said the Labour Party membership was set to exceed the Tory party economic recovery.

Heseltine snubs his daughter's views on drugs

Michael Heseltine last night disowned the views of his own daughter, Annabel, after she called for the legalisation of

drugs.
The Deputy Prime Minister not my job to argue with my your daughter," he told jour-North Yorkshire

Mr Heseltine suggested that his daughter was following her career as an ambitious journalist. "She has a career of her own. She has expressed her own views."

Mail of being offered a "sweetsmelling marijuana" joint at a dinner party , had clearly upset nis breakfast.

have long been part of my life, although I am not a user."

She said she had been exposed to recreational drug-tak-ing throughout her adult life. "At dinner parties in New York, co-caine came out first with the drinks, later with the coffee." She wrote: "I have become

"It would not make drugs less

COLIN BROWN lead to control of something

brushed off her remarks as nothing more than a youthful indiscretion. "She's an adult. It's daughter and try to second guess my daughter," he said ashe was challenged about her re-marks. "You would not do it to nalists at the Conservative Party central council in Harrogate,

convinced that legalisation

Her account in the Daily

could be the answer to our drugs

socially acceptable, but it might

Tabloid newssheet shelved

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

The had news about BSE in British beef claimed another victim in Harrogate yesterday - a Tory party tabloid dedicated to spreading the "good news".

The first edition was due to e launched at the Conservative

Party's spring conference in the town by Brian Mawhinney. the chairman of the party. It was to carry lively pieces extolling the virtues of the British economy, with good news about the amount of overseas invest-

ment being made in Britain. There was also to be an overseas section with reports from abroad on what the foreigners are saying about Britain.

Edited by a former Daily Express deputy editor, one insid-

er said: "It was classier than most of the mid-market tabloids." Unkinder critics said it was like the Daily Express but with less Tory propaganda.
The brainchild of Sir Tim Bell and Maurice Saatchi, the Tory

Party's advertising advisers, it followed the political Cabinet meeting ten days ago which pundered over the mystery of why the good news in the oconomy was not translating into a 'feelgood factor".

They decided that if Fleet Street would no longer print the good news about Britain, they would do it themselves. Their foray into journalism proved short lived. Tory spin-doctors claimed the decision had been taken for "technical reasons". But a source said: "It was the beef that did it. They thought that the good

which currently seems uncon-

Mr Heseltine is not the first minister to be embarrassed by his daughter. 'Sir Nicholas Scott, the former

social security minister, and his daughter. Victoria had a pub-lic clash of views over provision for the disabled. However, the timing of Ms

Heseltine's intervention could hardly be worse - coming a day before Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, tells the conference about the Tories' plans for a fresh crackdown on drug dealers

And Mr Heseltine had been quick to criticise Clare Short, the shadow Transport Secretary. when she suggested that legalisation of soft drugs should be

It was astonishing, he said then, that "someone who could be a minister of the Crown should actually want to legalise

But after making it clear he d not support his daughter's views, Mr Heseltine insisted: "I am very proud of her. She has her own views. I will not get in-

volved in controversy with her." That should make things easier when he gets back to the Heseltine household.

IN BRIDE

can return to work A psychiatric nurse convicted of rape 10 years ago and banned from practising has been told be can return to his profession, it has emerged. It is the second time in less than 12 months that

a nurse struck off for rape has been re-instated. The professional body for nursing. which last year promised a to re-examine procedures in the wake of the cases, is to carry out an urgent review after this week's ruling in the case of Yuen How Choy, 50. It claims there are no rules barring the restoration to the register of any nurse struck off following a crime. Choy served half of a two year prison sen-tence for rape in 1986. He was struck off from the United

nurses in the same year. Asian police chief

Kingdom Central Council for

Britain's first Asian assistant chief constable was appointed esterday - to work with the police force's highest ranking woman. Mohammed Tarique Ghaffur, 40, was one of two assistant chief constables appointed to the Lancashire force, headed by Britain's first woman chief constable, Pauline Clare.

Man held in siege

Armed police surrounded a house in Glasgow last night where three post office raiders were holding hostage a 67year-old man with a heart coudition. Earlier, a man in his thirties and a four-year-old girl were released by the trio who earlier tried to rob a sub post office in nearby Torrance.

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Protester hurt in fall

A Newbury bypass protestor was seriously injured yester-day after plunging more than 40 feet from a tree branch. The demonstrator suffered back and chest injuries and was taken to hospital in Reading.

£2m for teenager

Teenager Kevin Smith, 16, from Coventry, left severely braindamaged after being starved of oxygen during his birth, has won £2 million in compensation at London's High Court

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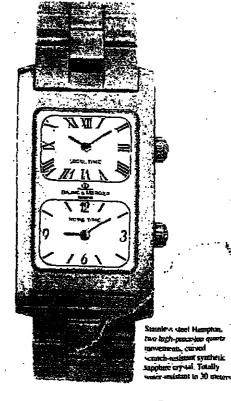
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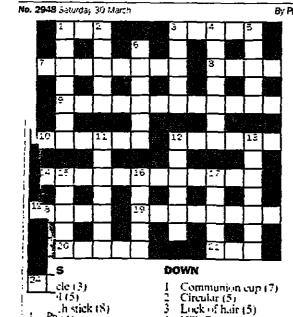
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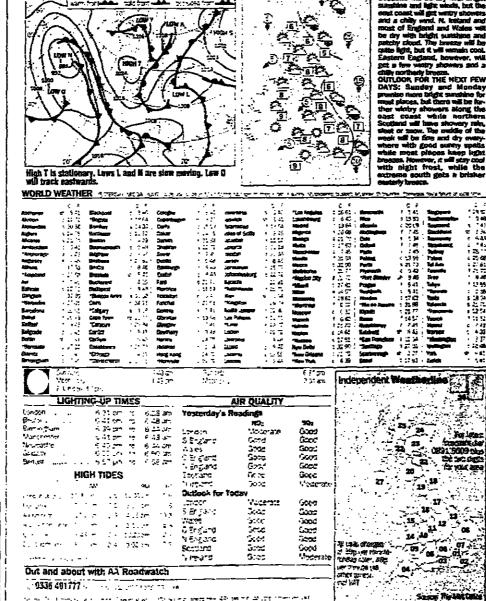
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Family affair: 'It is not my job to argue with my daughter,' Mr Heseltine said yesterday

Club manager cleared over 'disorderly house'

S&M court case sets precedent for intervention by police

JAMES CUSICK

The criminal law which governs the right of consenting adults to take part in public acts of sadomasochism was thrown into confusion yesterday after the manager of the "whiplash" nightclub was cleared at Southwark Crov. Court of keeping a discreterly house.

Martin Church, 36, of Sutton, Surrey, had told the court during his two-week trial that leather and rubber-clad revellers at the club enjoyed what they were doing and had a good time.

The basement nightspot, known as the Reflex Club on non-sadomasochistic nights, was raided by 60 police officers. some with dogs, in October

The raid was the culmination of an inquiry by vice-squad officers who hired leather outfits hop to infiltrate the S&M sub-culture.

In court the officers told of hundreds of largely middle-aged "fetishly clad" men and women indulging in a variety of lewd acts. Constable Graham Munro said he frequently saw

men and women being beaten. The court also heard instances where one man, dressed as a schoolgirl, was whipped repeatedly after being tied to a 6ft high padded cross. The beating was so hard,

it was claimed, it drew blood. Mr Church denied that the activities that had gone on in his club were as the Crown had claimed. He admitted customers at the Club Whiplash evenings were required to observe a "strict" dress code of fetishist gear and agreed: "Yes,

spankings." But he insisted peoole were not screaming, moaning or crying out. He said there was was no blood, no welts, no

"areas of reddening". The jury's decision followed an address by Mr Church's counsel. Paul Higham. He said This is a test case in 1996 on how far a jury are prepared to permit the criminal law to control and punish the acts of consenting adults, and therefore a

crucial issue for civil liberties. The verdict re-opens the legal arguments that arose from the case in 1990 known as "Op-

'What outrages the sense of morality was mass genocide in Bosnia, not the behaviour of

consenting adults'

eration Spanner" where convictions were obtained on 16 men who had privately engaged in act of agreed mutilations on each other. They had been charged with aiding and abet-

ting assaults on themselves. After the case yesterday Mr Higham said the jury "clearly felt that even if the prosecution's allegations were carried out, in 1996 what outrages the sense of morality was the mass genocide in Bosnia not the behaviour of consenting adults in relative

In his summing-up, Judge Pe-ter Jackson had told the jury: "One thing you will have to consider in this case is are you sure

those things did happen, do they outrage public decency."

Civil liberties campaigner Nettie Pollard described the jury's verdiet as a "land mark de-

Ms Pollard, spokeswoman for Liberty, formerly the National Council for Civil Liber-ties, said: "We very much welcome the decision and hope there will be no police harassment in the future.

She added: "This is a victory for civil liberties in Britain. Éven if it had been a guilty ver-dict it was a victimless crime everyone had consented to what was going on.

"The central issue is to what extent the criminal law should interfere in people's private lives. This [case is] important because it provides the test and an-

Mr Church had been brought to court under a 250-year-old law - the Disorderly Houses Act. During the trial the police undercover officers described in graphic detail scenes of public sexual intercourse, oral sex. masturbation, all performed to a background of hard porn videos. However during the trail the police's evidence was challenged by members of the S&M club.

Dr Michael Jack Frost, a onyear-old retired lecturer in geology, is a member of the Whiplash Club and was on the premises on the night of the police raid. He said he saw the video, which was "tame", but none of the other acts de scribed by police.

Another middle-aged club member. Alison Ord, said she felt safer in Club Whiplash than in many other night clubs certain things happened, and if she had visited.

Top price for painting that awoke from 100-year slumber



Windfall: Boreas, an oil painting by the Victorian artist John William Waterhouse which was believed lost for almost 100 years, sold for nearly £850,000 at Christie's in London yesterday, more than double the expected price

Cyprus killing soldiers

REBECCA FOWLER

The three British soldiers found guilty of sexually assaulting and killing a young Danish woman working as a tour guide in Cyprus, were sentenced to life

imprisonment yesterday.
Justin Fowler, 28, Allan Ford.
27, and Geoff Pernell, 23, The soldiers, all Royal Green Jackets, bundled Louise Jensen, 23, into their car in September 1994, and took her to a remote spot where they attempted to rape her before bludgeoming her to death with a space:

The attack was the horrific columnation of a drunken binge at a nearby resort, and Ms Jensen was so disfigured that she had to be identified through

dental records.

Sentencing the men to a further five years for abduction and another five years for conspiracy to rape, the court president Takis Eliades, told them they were responsible for one of the most brutal crimes the island had ever known. He said: "The tragic victim, alone and unprotected, had no possibility of de-fending herself."

Poul Jensen, the dead

woman's father, said afterwards: "This was the best sentence we could have hoped for."

The soldiers were automatically discharged from the force at the moment of sentencing. They have not received wages for months, but they have been paid an allowance and the Ministry of Defence will pay their legal fees, which are expected to exceed £100,000.

Brigadier Arthur Denaro, Deputy Commander of British forces in Cyprus, said: "We can try and take a number of lessons clearly, education of troops, closer supervision, a tighter chain of command

But nevertheless we must not get this incident out of perspective. Horrible though it was, one would hope it was one

Aid worker accused of stealing child in baby smuggling racket

A British aid worker accused of smuggling an infant out of a Romanian orphanage claimed last night he was the victim of a cor-

rupt political and legal system. John Boast, a former businessman, appeared before a Romanian court to admit he had taken the 15-month-old child from a hospital orphanage but denied he had hidden her in his lorry or brought her to Britain for adoption. The 46year-old father of three, from Blackburn, Lancs, also denied he had been the middleman who handed the child to a British family at a motorway service station as part of a babysmuggling racket.

The child, who can only be identified as haby Laura because she has been made a ward of court, has been legally adopted by a family in Yorkshire. Mr Boast admits he believes it was in the child's best interests to be taken out of Romania.

He said yesterday: "It doesn't matter what I say in the court: they already have decided to find me guilty to make an ex-



John Boast: Denies part baby-smuggling racquet

a judicial and political system which is completely upside down. By punishing me they are in reality punishing the children that I have been helping since

Outside the court Mr Boast denied he had been running a baby-smuggling ring for profit. "I came out here because I was touched by the plight of the orphans." Mr Boast vesterday ample of me. I am a victim of appeared in court in the north

Romanian city of Oradea for the first time formally to plead of the country. If found guilty en baby Laura out of the hos-

he faces five year' jail. The prosecution case was outlined to an examining judge, who adjourned the hearing for a month to allow Mr Boast to "prove his innocence". The court heard how he had been on more than 40 aid trips to Romania with his forry since 1990.

Oradea district prosecutor Lucian Negrutiu said Mr Boast had also regularly visited the city's main hospital, home to more than 450 abandoned and baned children.

Mr Boast told the examining udge, Dumitru Marc: "I would like you to understand a little about the child. She was 15 months old ... but did not look that age because she was not well fed and had been neglected. When I saw her sitting in her bed rocking backwards and forwards. I did what any normal parent would do: I picked her up and took her out for a walk to talk to her.

Mr Boast, who now lives with his Romanian girlfriend in not guilty to a charge of con- the village of Finis, 40 miles spiring to transport the child out from Oradea, said he had takpital "because I wanted to take care of her. She had been abandoned and needed affection; she needed loving." Mr Boast said he took the child out for nearly four hours and claimed he returned her the same evening. It was not until five weeks later that the child's absence was noticed by hospital staff, after being told about her by British

Embassy officials in Bucharest. Baby Laura had been discovered by a social worker on a routine visit to the Yorkshire family who already have an adopted Romanian orphan. The couple would only reveal they had been given the child "by a man named John" who handed her over at the Watford

Gap service station on the ML. The British Embassy was then asked to investigate the case by the Official Solicitor. The child's parents were traced and admitted they had

abandoned her.

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calls for hours'

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Bosses plump for London

NICOLE VEASH

London is one of the world's most expensive cities for executive nations and belong to a housing and living costs: a house in the desirable centre of the city could cost up to four times the annual executive salary, according to a survey.

The lifestyle and cost comparisons between 11 of the world's main cities find proper-ty in London is costly to buy and rent but school fees are reasonable and the quality of life is good. Lorna Vestey, of the estate

agents Knight Frank, who did the survey, said demand for good housing in the capital is high but there was not a lot of it. "London has a very limited city centre in terms of size, and people from all over the world want to live here because it is a very pleasurable area. But our housing costs are generally in line with America, so international executives are not too put off by the prices."

A young married couple in their mid-thirties with a five-year-old child and a salary of about £150,000 could buy a four-bedroom house in Chelsea for £590,000 and spend £5,000 a year on school fees. Typically, they would employ a nanny or au pair. take holidays in far-flung destisocial/health or country club.

The survey, comparing execu-tive lifestyles in such places as New York, Paris, Bombay and Tokyo, is based on the earnings of an investment banker or lawyer living in a typical executive home. In Madrid a four-bedroom house costs £330.000; in Hong Kong it would sell for £1.2m. Lifestyle in Paris is difficult to match because of free state schooling, though property is expensive compared to other cities.

School fees in Hong Kong, San Francisco and Sydney account for 2 to 5 per cent of annual earnings. while New Yorkers have to pay a more damaging 8 per cent. A spokesman for the SBC Warburg bank said: We have a

global network of offices and we find the prices of renting or buying houses in London unsurprising. Sydney and San Francisco win. hands down in the world city

stakes, with clean air, a safe en-

vironment, reasonable property

prices and a sunny lifestyle.

JASON BENNETTO Complaints about brawls, domestic disputes and rowdy youths, often go ignored for hours by police in Derbyshire

> Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary also found that during some peak periods no officers were available to answer calls from the public. In come cases the police took so long to respond to calls about people or vehicles acting suspiciously that by the time they arrived the suspects had disappeared. The lack of police officers and resources in Derbyshire has also meant that

because of years of underfund-

ing, a report revealed yesterday.

many more violent offenders and car thieves are escaping detection. The drug squad is so hard up that at the time of the inspection it only had \$300 to buy petrol for five months.

The Inspectorate warned of evidence that the financial problems facing Derbyshire were getting worse. The problems are blamed on underfunding since the early 1980s. ditional £4m in 1996/7.

which has caused an increasing shortfall in officers and re-

The Inspectorate says that current £88m budget from the Home Office would be more than adequate if the force was in a good financial position, but it is not enough to reverse the downward trend. Derbyshire has been struggling to maintain its current po

lice strength of 1,800, which has

fallen as low as 1.768. People in

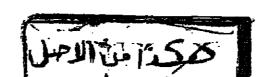
Derty shire had grown to accept the decline in standards, the Inspectorate said. On a positive note there was a significant improvement in dealing with house burglaries which had dropped by 23 per cent. But using resources to deal with this crime had resulted in fewer robocries, assaults and car

thefts being solved.

A spokeswoman for Derby hire police force said: "The only way out is for the Home Office to give us more money."

David Maclean, the Home Office Minister, said Derbyshire had been given extra funding for a number of years and an ad-





UK researchers investigating Aids immunity

GLENDA COOPER

Doctors at a London hospital are monitoring 40 British people in a search for someone who is immune to the Aids virus.

The researchers at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital are studying people who have had repeated exposure to the human immuno-deficiency virus (HTV) but have remained resistant to infection. They hope to report their findings within the year.

Yesterday it was announced that scientists in the US have discovered that Steve Crohn, from New York, has the first known substance in the world that will defeat HIV. Scientists at the Aaron Diamond Aids Research Center in New York, took his white blood cells known as CD4 cells, which are the particular tar-get of HIV, cultured them in the laboratory and tried unsuccessfully to infect them with HIV.

The 40 people being studied in Britain were recruited about a year ago through advertising in HIV clinics and newspapers. There were three compo-

nents we looked for," said Dr Philippa Easterbrook, senior given infected blood, and cine or effective treatment."

drown after their nanny drove

the family car into a river, had

his record £1.3m award for

damages award cut almost in

Vernon's pay-out to just over £n20,000, and said he must also

pay his share of the legal costs.

which total more than 22m.

Much of Mr Vernon's damages

will go straight back to the Le-

gal Aid Board, which funded his

marathon claim. In August 1992, Mr Vernon

suffered "every parent's worst nightmare" when the family

Volvo, with nanny Katherine

Bosley at the wheel, plunged

into the River Tawe at Ynys Isaf.

half by the Court of Appeal.

lecturer in infectious diseases exposed health care workers. and epidemiology. "Firstly that they should have been exposed fairly recently - within the last year. Second, they should have had a very significant level of exposure over a two-year period and third that they should have had an HIV test recently."

Dr Easterbrook said in the past there had been various explanations put forward as to why people did not become infected with HIV, including the fact that they could have been infeeted by someone who had lowlevel infection, or a weak form of the virus or that although they were infected it had not shown up in the antibodies.

She said the most recent data made it likely that immune response was an "important explanation", but she added: "We re a long way from picking up information for a specific vaccine but this data clearly has long term application." She called for more studies to be undertaken looking at the offspring of infeeted mothers who did not go on to develop the virus, partners

Father's £1m award cut

phie Beloe, daughter of a fam-

lly friend, his two daughters -

Theresa, aged three, and Philip-

pa. seven. - along with the family labrador, Sheba, all of whom died. Miss Bosley es-

Mr Vernon, who arrived at

the scene soon afterwards, had

to watch helplessly as vain

efforts were made to save the

In January last year, a High

Court judge, Mr Justice Sedley, awarded Mr Vernon, of

Kingscot, Tethury in Glouces-tershire, more than £1.3m dam-

ages against Miss Bosley's

insurer - General Accident -

which admitted liability.

A father who saw his daughters Powys, Inside the car were So-

Three appeal judges yester-day reduced 53-year-old Peter caped through the driver's win-

Professor Frances Gotch. head of immunology at the Chelsea and Westminster, said the US findings were "extremely interesting and showed "for the first time certain people are nonsusceptible to the virus- that gives us hope for a vaccine".

Separate research in Gambia, the result of a collaboration between the Medical Research Council and the Institute of Molecular Medicine in Oxford, showed that some prostitutes had also not succumbed to the virus despite their lifestyles.

"From our research we believed that individual cases who were non-susceptible but had had high exposure were transiently infected," said Professor Gotch. This gave the body time before CD4 cells were infected which gave other cells the chance to kick in an immune response. This would be the same

effect as having a vaccine."

A spokesman for the Terrence Higgins Trust said: "We are cautiously optimistic. Hopefully it will be a small step on of haemophiliaes who had been the long road to finding a vac-

The judge said the accident

had destroyed Mr Vernon's

marriage, leaving him a "help-

less and dependent" shadow of

his former self, and the damages

award was a record pay-out for

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

terday, Lord Justice Stuart-

Smith said that in his view Mr

Vernon's claim against the in-

surance company should have

failed.But Lord Justice Evans

and Lord Justice Thorpe upheld

Mr Justice Sedley's finding that

Mr Vernon's mental problems

were attributable to what he had

the award had been too high.

and the pay-out was reduced to

All three judges agreed that

witnessed on the river bank.

At the Court of Appeal yes-



Chain gang: Trick riders warming up yesterday in Chiswell, London, for the Mountain Bilding UK Awards, run in conjunction with Bike '96, the biggest public bicycle exhibition in Britain, which is being held at Olympia

Photograph: Peter Macdiamud

Woman jailed over £500,000 bank swindle

ROB CRANE

A housewife who swindled almost half a million pounds out of a bank by impersonating a rich elderly customer was vesterday jailed for two years.

Sally-Ann Corby was part of a sophisticated gang of fraudsters which, armed with inside information, stole £490,000 from the account of Joan Lee.

Corby, 55, wore a grey wig for her visits to Barclays bank in New Malden, south-west London. On her final visit she arrived in a chauffeur-driven limousine and left with £300,000 of Mrs Lee's cash and £150,000 of her jewellery.

The court heard that Corby, who had already extracted £40,000 before the final visit and was receiving income support. played her role with "considerable panache".

Passing sentence the Recorder of London. Sir Lawrence Verney, told her:

"Having made yourself up to look like the account holder and successfully practised her signature, you presented yourself to the bank and deceived the manager very easily. You exhibited great composure, whatever you felt internally."

Corby was involved in another swindle after recruiting Gwen Cox, 39, a boatyard manager. They took £30,000 from the account of a wealthy New York recluse, Lady Monique Caro, before being caught. Cox, who received just £1,000

from the gang, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment, suspended for 18 months, after admitting two charges of theft and one of attempted theft. Corby, who had been

recruited to the gang by a family friend, wanted to use the £50,000 she received for her role to renovate her derelict cottage in Northam, north Devon. The scheme's alleged mastermind is still on the run.

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Top union 'fat cat' gets £300,000-a-year package of the National Union of Hancock, leader of the Royal

Labour Editor

Britain's highest paid union leader, Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' association, now receives a package worth nearly £300,000 a year, it was revealed yesterday.

Mr Taylor, whose 2,000strong organisation recently joined the Trades Union Congress, receives pay and benefits of £295,741, according to the annual report of the Govern-

ment's Certification Office. The union covers professional football players with a wider range of wages than any other TUC affiliate. Some league players are on as little as £15,00 a year in division three, but Mr Taylor's income is dwarfed by the £1.5m a year received by some of the premier

league stars. The document also revealed that Arthur Scargill, president

Mineworkers, was receiving to-tal remuneration of £62,526 a year. The salary of the mineworkers' leader, who has

presided over a union in which

membership has declined from

50,000 to around 6,000 in a decade, is now linked to inflation. In effect, Mr Scargill's members each pay £10 a year to-wards his earnings. The Certification Office reported that more than onethird of union leaders earned

above £40,000 a year, with 31 per cent being paid between £20,000 and £40,000. The second highest paid union leader was Mack Armstrong, general secretary of the 105,000-strong British Medical Association. who received £101,347. The next highest, on £95,343, was Peter Smith, leader

and Lecturers... Other "fat cats" among top trade unionists were Christine

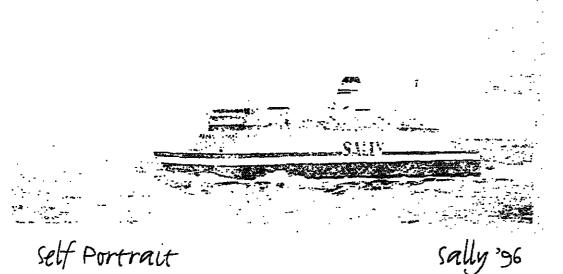
of the Association of Teachers

College of Nursing, on £83,501; Alan Jinkinson, who as general secretary of the Unison public service union when the figures were collated in 1994 was on £77,546; and Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, who received a package worth £76,404.

John Edmonds, leader of the GMB general union and Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General, were among the highest paid repre-sentatives of blue-collar workers, enjoying packages of £73,000 and £71,213 respectively. John Monks, general secretary of the

TUC, received £66,120. The Certification Office also recorded that union membership had fallen to its lowest level since the Second World War. In 1994. it fell to 8,230,545, from a peak in 1979 at 13.2 million. Fewer than one in three employees are

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Labour shies from renationalising rail

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR and COLIN BROWN

Labour has shied away from any commitment to renationalise: Railtrack but its plans to increase regulation in the

railways may scare off some potential investors.

In a long-awaited speech, Clare Short, Labour's transport spokeswoman, finally set out the party's policy, which was presented by senior party sources as "realistic and achievable".

However, the policy falls well

East Coast operator warns of job cuts

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The new operator of the East Coast main line, Britain's most modern rail line, promised bet-ter reliability and cleaner trains but warned of job cuts among the 2.900 staff.

Great Northern Railway, a subsidiary of Sea Containers the Bermuda-based transport company, will initially receive more subsidy than currently paid to British Rail to run services on the line which runs between King's Cross, York, Newcastle, Edinburgh and Inverness, but at the end of the seven-year franchise will receive no financial support at all.
The company will get

£64.6m, compared with £59.89m for BR, but with improved marketing and reduced costs. Sea Containers is confident that it can still make a profit even though it will receive nosubsidy by 2003. Sea Contain-tions. People don't freeze in the ers plan to increase revenue, airline business." He suggested currently around £280m in- new passenger lounges would be cluding subsidy, by 35 per cent provided at many stations. over the next seven years.

as was being demanded by the unions and the Left. Ms Short, speaking in Swindon, Berk-shire said that Railtrack would only be renationalised depend-ing "on the availability of resources, and as priorities allow". She also failed to specify what percentage of Railtrack would be bought back - and the Government has yet to announce how much is to be

51 per cent. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, has clearly won the

argument in preventing any firm commitment to renationalise, even though many Labour MPs argued that the party should not allow the shareholders of a privatised Railtrack to make profits out of public money. Currently, 94 per cent of Railtrack's £2bn-per-year income comes from track access charges, which are paid by the train-operating companies who

receive £1.8bn a year in subsidy. Despite Mr. Brown's victory, sold, although it will be at least the Tories seized on the speech, saying that it was a return to oldstyle Labour pro-nationalisation

values. Brian Mawhinney, the ment would do little to change Conservative Party chairman said: "This is just nationalisation: 'New Labour' 50 years old driven by trade unions and John Prescott [deputy leader] to nationalise."

However, Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, took a different tack as he said the plans were "vacuous" and proved that Labour was not fit to govern because they failed to answer key questions about

the future of the industry.
It is clear from Ms Short's speech that Labour in govern-

the complex structure of privatisation set out by the Railways Act 1993. However, she said that Labour intends, by legislation, to give enhanced pow-ers to the Rail Regulator to control the industry and get value from the industry's £2bn-

worth of public subsidy.
In a mischievous part of the Act, presumably aimed at future Labour administrations, the Government specified that from the beginning of 1997 the regulator would no longer be subject to guidance from ministers and Ms Short has clearly committed Labour to ensuring that the regulator would have enhanced powers.

Ms Short wants the regulator

to impose "fair access charges", and this may result in a reduc-tion of Railtrack's profitability. While this increases somewhat the political risk and may deter some individual investors from buying Railtrack shares which go on sale in early May, the City appears satisfied that Railtrack will be a good investment. One City source said: "Most people were worried that Labour's

statement would have been something more material." The City was particularly pleased that Ms Short said:

there is no question of existing contacts being cancelled against the wishes of the parties

to them". One firm commitment is that Labour will rein back on the profits which Railtrack can make from property development. Currently, Railtrack can keep 75 per cent of the profits. but Labour intends that all proceeds should be used to keep fares down.

Stalker jailed for revenge attack

A jilted lover was jailed for a total of two years at the Old Bailey yesterday for launching an revenge against his former girl-friend and her family.

Anthony King, a 25-year-old former disc jockey, was told by Recorder James Chadwin that his conduct was "of the most despicable kind and a gross abuse to the intimate relationship" he had with his girlfriend.

Gemma Jones, 18, a maga-zine sales executive, and her family became victims of King's psychological stalking - fuelled by his fury after she ditched him at the end of a two-year rela-tionship. Both her mother and father have since suffered breakdowns.

King bombarded Ms Jones with telephone calls, vandalised her father's BMW car. sprayed graffiti over their garage and porch and posted pornographc photographs of her at a railway station and on a tree. He also suggested her parents were

colour prejudiced. He told police afterwards that he wanted "to have a pop" at them before going to Australia because he felt they did not approve of him because he

was black In August last year, under cover of darkness, he stole into the garden of their Surrey home with a can of petrol and set fire to a pile of garden furniture just outside the house. The family's dog alerted them to the blaze, which damaged walls, guttering and windows frames.

King, from Sutton, Surrey, had admitted causing damage. displaying the photographs and arson earlier this month, but was remanded in custody for presentence reports. Neither Ms Jones nor her parents were in court to see King, who has already served seven-and-a-half months in prison, sentenced.

Recorder Chadwin said that he accepted King was "under the impression you were being victimised by her parents because of your colour". He had received a letter which indicated "some support" to King's proposition, but added: "However strong, your feelings about any sense of being victimised cannot possibly justify any of the acts you did.



On track: The new operator of the East Coast main line has promised passengers better reliability, cleaner trains and a £17m station improvement programme Photograph: Brian Harris

its chairman, said: "People freeze to death on draughty sta-

Great Northern Railway is Because the franchise is committed to running the same only for seven years, Sea Con- amount of mileage as the curtainers will not buy any new rent timetable for the next two trains but has committed itself years, though some train times to spending £17m on station im may be changed. Extra serprovements James Sherwood, vices to Bradford would be

links to stations. Mr Sher-wood said he would have preferred to have seen privatisation involving the selling of the track and services together rather than separately because there are three lots of profit being made, for Railtrack, for the train operators, and for the rolling

stock companies*. He added that he had spoken to several government ministers

provided as well as new coach about his concerns over the structure of privatisation and "they had said there may be better ways of doing this thing, but the most important thing was to get the railways privatised as quickly as possible".

He said that a privatised railway would inevitably be more efficient, adding: "We have to try to break the communist approach to running a railway started in the socialist period of

the 1940s." He said some redundancies were inevitable, but was unable to give a figure and said that he hoped most would be voluntary or early retirements. Asked what a change of government might mean, Mr Sherwood said he was unconcerned: "I think it would be the death of the Labour Party if they started a programme of renatio-

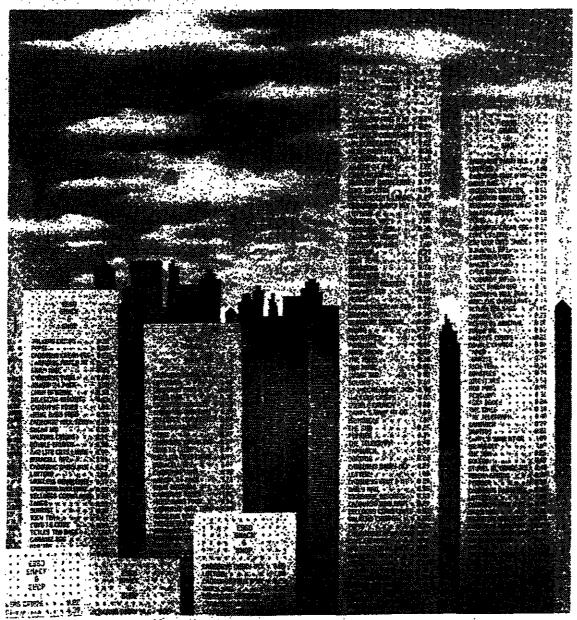
Brian Wilson, Labour's trans-

port spokesman, said: "It is had lost money in the past two extraordinary that a company based in Bermuda in order to avoid paying taxes is being given a licence to print money, funded entirely by nearly £1bn of public investment in the

East Coast main line." Mr Wilson added that under BR, the line had been profitable and that it was only as a result of the changes to the financial Police yesterday staged an

early morning raid on the Southend offices of the London. Tilbury and Southend line which is the subject of an inquiry into ticket fraud allegations. The alleged fraud resulted in the allocation of the franchise to the management being withdrawn hours before it was due to take structure of the railways that it place in early February.

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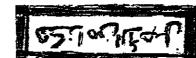
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Anger grows at soaring cost of police assaults

Home Affairs Correspondent.

Over the last 10 years Scotland Yard has paid out an estimated £20m of taxpayers' money in damages and legal costs to answer allegations of brutality and gross misconduct by officers renewing allegations that police chiefs are failing to deal

with a growing problem. More than £8m was in compensation to men and women who alleged they were the vic-tims of police misconduct. The rest paid police costs and plaintitls legal bills. Labour MPs are to table a series of questions in the Commons on the issue.

Calls for a public inquiry followed immediately upon Thursday's payout of nearly £300,000. to two men who told London County Court juries how in separate incidents in Streatham. south London, they were the victims of police actions, in the first, record damages of £220,000 were awarded to Kenneth Hsu, 32, who was kicked.

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officers who had wrongly ar- remedy. For example, it had re rested him. £200,000 of that was "exemplary" damages imposed by the jury both to punish and to show Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, that such misconduct would not be tolerated.

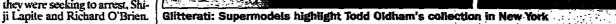
MPs and lawyers are concerned that awards and settlements are now so frequent that urgent action is needed. Their greatest anxiety is that officers are rarely the subject of criminal charges or disciplinary ac-tion. In 1994, the latest year for which full figures are available, the police won outright only 24 of 304 cases against them, but no officers were prosecuted and only four disciplined—one cautioned, another fined and

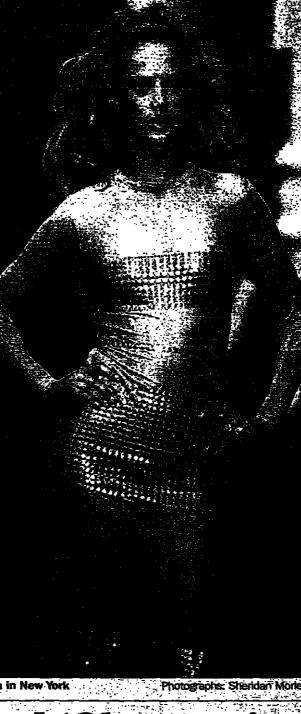
two "given words of advice". In three serious cases this year, involving grave allegations against named officers, including those accused by Mr Hsu, no officers have been disciplined. Their second concern is that

out some sort of justice." Sir Paul is on the record as saying he was determined to fight the Police Complaints Authormore actions in court. But Thursday's two awards of punitive damages may deter him. Meanwhile, he will face mounting pressure to act - not least £1.589,000 1994

from two civil actions expected £1,343,000 £1,560,000 later this year. They follow the verdicts of "unlawful killing" by £8.042.000 involved in the death of two men Legal costs will more than dou-







Catwalk drenched in high glamour

TAMSIN BLANCHARD Fashion Editor

New York fashion designers make clothes that either have no other purpose but to sell in huge volume, or are designed with drag queens in mind. Tood Oldham belongs to the latter group and his show on Thursday evening featured his favourite supermodels with huge overblown manes of matted hair dressed in old-fashioned glam-

The collection was a mishmash of tightly tailored suits with flared trousers, fake-fur trimming and jackets se-quinned tartan trousers and

quimed tartan trousers and hais with dangling pompons. A dress was pinned with hundreds of sparkly paste brooches. It is difficult to imagine quite who buys Todd Oldham, but he also designs for the highly successful German label Escada. Donald Trump's former wife, Ivana, who watched the show, is probably one of the few women who could get away with it.

After the show, fashion groupies tramped off in a snowstorm to a Lower East Side synagogue where the British agogue where the pritish designer Alexander McQueen was holding his show. McQueen is highly regarded in New York where his aggressive styling and masterful tailoring are a universe away from the bland, but highly saleable clothes produced by US designers. "I want to bring a little more spectacle

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Troubled 'Observer' appoints new editor after Jaspan goes

Will Hutton has been appointed the new editor of the Observer newspaper. The 45year-old best-selling author, who was formerly the Guardian's economic editor. replaces Andrew Jaspan, who left the paper yesterday.

Mr Hutton said yesterday:

The Observer is a great paper. It is an honour to be offered the editorship. My aim is to accelerate the pace at which it recovers its prestige and honoured place in British national life - encouraging high-quality writing extending across the gamut, from sport to politics. from listings to front-page

Mr Hutton, a former stockbroker, joined the Guardian in 1990 as economics editor and was appointed assistant editor in 1995. His political book, The State We're in, which was published last year, has been in the



Out and in: Andrew Jaspan (left) is replaced by Will Hutton

bestseller list ever since, with the 1992 exchange rate mech-hardback and paperback sales anism (ERM) crisis. hardback and paperback sales approaching 150,000 copies.

He was named Political Journalist of the year by Granada Television's What The Papers Say programme for his coverage of

The appointment was made. by the Scott Trust, owners of the

said: "Will Hutton is a brilliant

thinker. We believe that, under an inspirational editor, the Observer will make great strides in a market that has been dominated too long by the forces of reaction. We are delighted that he has accepted this challeng-

ing job."
Mr Hutton's appointment means that Peters reston's role as Editor-in-Chief of the Guardian and the Observer will lapse. He continues as nonexecutive editorial director of the Guardian Media Group

and as a Scott trustee. Mr Preston said: "It wasn't necessary to have a bridging editor when I was editing the Guardian and Jonathan Fenby, my old deputy, was editing the Observer. Alan Rusbridger [editor of the Guardian and Will Guardian Media Group. Scott are close colleagues and I reck-Trust's chairman, Hugo Young, on it's obviously best that they make their own dispositions."

Researcher 'ran porn library on the Internet'

A university researcher ran a computer library of pornogra-phy including indecent pictures of children and allowed others to supply and copy pictures from his collection, a court was

told yesterday.
In what is believed to be the first case of its kind. Alban Fellows and Stephen Arnold are charged under the Protection of Children Act and the Obscene Publications Act in connection with distributing child pornography from the collection

through the Internet.

Birmingham Crown Court was told how Fellows, 26, from Moscley in Birmingham, worked as a research assistant in the plasma melting unit at the University of Birmingham where he had access to the main computer. He was a skilled computer operator and trusted by the university to install and maintain computers.

But, unknown to the authorities, he attached a hard disk memory to the university's main computer where he stored his library of pornography, a col-fection he named

Melbourne Inman, for the prosecution, told the court: "Mr Fellows had a library, a library of pornography. It wasn't just anyone who could use it. you had to have a library ticket and Mr Fellows was the man from whom you had to get the ticket. You would usually have to have another ticket holder vouch for you. Access to this library was only for those who could be trusted. If you provided enough you would see it all. Mr Fellows clearly was effectively using a system of what have you

before I let you look at my stuff.".
That was how it worked." Mr Fellows is charged with possessing four indecent pic-tures of children which he

intended to distribute. He is also

accused of possessing two ob-scene pictures of adults stored on his computer hard disk. Mr Arnold, 24, from Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, worked as a graphics co-ordi-nator for Hughes Network Systems Limited in the town.

He is charged with distributing three of the indecent pictures of children to Fellows through his computer, between February and April 1994. Both men deny all the charges.

in April 1994, police arrested Mr Fellows at Birmingham University and seized his bard disk. He admitted having pornography in the computer and accepted sole responsibil-ity for the library. In September 1994, police arrested Mr Arnold at his Milton Keynes office and copied files from his computer. Mr Inman said the pictures

downloaded by computer by Mr Arnold to Mr Fellows were copies taken from Lolita, a pomographic magazine which included indecent pictures of children. They sent each other coded E-mail messages to discuss the pictures. Mr Arnold was allowed to become a ticket holder to the library in return lor the photographs.

Mr Fellows sent Mr Arnold

an E-mail in March 1994 after receiving copies of the photographs. The messages make it clear what was being sent," Mr Inman said.

The case continues.

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Turin Conference: John Major on the defensive as BSE overshadows plans to take the continent into the next millennium

Europe sets course for a new union

SARAH HELM ANDREW GUMBEL

Declaring their determination to set the agenda for the EU un-til the end of the century. European teaders vesterday launched their reform conference in Turin, starting the tottuous process of re-shaping However, hopes that Turin

would strike a resounding note. of unity were badly undermined by the urgent need to solve the British beef crisis which threataned to produce deep new diision between Britain and its John Major, who had hoped

to present the British arguments against further European integration from a position of strength, found himself on the detensive as he pleaded with his partners for their solidarny over beel. Mr Major adamantly re-

rected any suggestions that he cas now under pressure to make new concessions on such questions as reduction of the British veto in return for European compensation for British larmers.

The two issues, he said, were "entirely separate". Furthermore. Mr Major showed no willdemands for the Inter-Gov- all reaffirmed their determina- wards integration at a faster

erramental Conference, "Britain tion to rebuild Europe's instisees no case whatsoever for the extension of qualified majority voting. he declared. And Mr Major signalled that he would fight long and hard to reverse the recent European Court opinion on maximum working hours, by calling for a key treaty article to be re-written. Mr Major accused his European partners of acting in had faith by allowing a loophole in the Maastricht treaty to be used to bring forward the measure calling for a maximum 48-hour

However, as European leaders declared their "solidurity" with Britain over the crisis, there were strong suggestions in Turin that the episode should teach Britain a lesson about its need to enter wholeheartedly into the Euro-pean venture. Britain needs to begin to think of Europe not as a place out there but as a place they are very much a part of." John Bruton, the Irish Prime

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, sought to move the ambitions of the Turin summit on to a higher plane by declaring that the real aim of European integration was "to provide peace and freedom in the 21st century". The leaders some members to proceed to-

tutions to be ready to accept new members from castern Europe. "Future enlargement. which represents a historic mission and a great opportunity for Europe, is a challenge for the Union in all its dimensions," the

final statement read. The conclusions detailed the complex tasks which now lie ahead for the IGC which will last at least one year. The paper was couched in cautious language which will please Britain, leaving all the most contentious issues open for negotiation. "I am very pleased at the outcome of the meetings today. We have agreed a non prejudicial agen-da which gives Britain a free hand to promote its objective to build Europe as a partnership

While stressing the need to develop more coherent policies on areas such as justice and home affairs, as well as foreign policy and defence, the statement did not tackle the contentious issue of whether to give Brussels more power.

of nations," said Mr Major.

For the first time at a European summit, the Turin statement proposed that member states should formally consider a system of so-called "flexible geometry", which would allow

proposals on this issue were also vague enough to leave wide room for negotiations.

in a section on employment which could worry Britain, the statement made reference to the need for "social protection" and "better coordination and cooperation in order to strengthen national policies".

cautious tone on how to

strengthen the role of the European parliament and raised the issue of how to give national parliaments a "collective role" in overseeing European decision-making. On foreign policy the Turin summit signalled its willingness to create the role of a European foreign policy supremo to represent the Union in future. However, the language on a "common decontained little new.

Despite the non-contentious nature of the opening statement, the battle-lines for the IGC are already drawn and hard-fought negotiations on reforming European decisionmaking will begin next week. Several European leaders have already made clear their hope that a more pro-European Labour government will be in



John Major and the French prime minster, Jacques Chirac, in discussion in Turin yesterday

Italy's city of the lambs gives a warm welcome to British beef

his ears. John Major must have been cuising his luck that yesterday - European summit had to take place in Turin.

This corner of Italy spe-cialises in meat dishes of all kinds, but beet in particular was quite impossible to avoid. Therewas bresnola, a local curedbeet, on the menu for the foreign ministers' lunch, and braised ov in Barolo wine on offor for the gala dinner last

Presumably most of this was of strictly Italian-grown stock. but at least one respectable

was oftering beet ull'inglese, or, d'Aosta-style asparagus gratin as the charmingly wonky trans-lation had it. "English Beeff".

So concerned was the British delegation about the potentially indigestible diplomatic consequences of the local cuisine that it begged the summit's Italian hosts not to serve the offending animal at the working lunch offered to the Prime Minister and the other 14 European Union heads of government.

As luck would have it, though, this was the one meal where beef did not feature at all.

topping, risotto flavoured with radicchio leaf, medallions of veal alla piemontese and wild strawberries with zabaglione.

The beef was all in the table talk. Actually, to Italian ears, Turin is not the city of cows - mucche – but rather of lambs – *agnelli*. The Agnelli family, founders of Fiat and undisputed kings of Torinese high society, were the abiding presence at vesterday's summit. Most visible was Susanna. Italy's Foreign Minister, who gave an inimitably warm welcome to her eminent inter-Instead. Mr Major was treat-ed to grilled vegetables with Val exuberant kisses on each of

Malcolm Rifkind's rosy cheeks). The Fiat Agnellis were also

there, if only in spirit. The summit took place in the disused Lingotto car factory, built by Susanna's grandfather Giovanni in the 1920s when Mussolini paid a triumphant (but now rather embarrassing) visit. Under Susanna's brother Gianni, who has just retired as Fiat chairman, the Lingotto has been converted into a giant trade fair centre covering 30,000 square metres over three floors decorated specially for the sum-

The Agnellis' industrial muscle was no doubt responsible. too, for the 30 billion lire in government grants awarded to Turin to spruce up its elegant Baroque palaces and cobbled.

The locals got plenty of work out of the affair, but plenty of hassle too what with cordoned off roads, wayward public transport and police sirens wailing late into the night. For the last four days the airport car park has been closed off with a sign saying "roadworks in progress"; in fact, it was just being reserved for official limousines

One VIP who made a point

of admiring the well-scrubbed city was Lamberto Dini, Italy's prime minister, who was hop-ing to use the summit to help launch his brand new political party today in the run-up to next month's Italian general elections. He and his glamorous wife Donatella went for a private walkabout in the centre on Thursday night, and showered

But if they were hoping for adoring crowds they were dis-appointed. "Several people local paper, "but traditional

looked like it was "in evening

Torinese reserve stopped anyone from approaching him." Yesterday was a similar pub-

lic relations disappointment. Mr Dini was beaming from ear to ear as he welcomed his fellow leaders in the morning. But by mid-afternoon he had lost his voice and could scarcely croak his way through a scheduled news conference. compliments on a city they said His political nickname is already "the toad" (an unkind reference to his facial appearance). Now he could be croaking all the way to the ballot box.

An over-enthusiastic local

on offer at the summit were equally loose with their language, especially their delightfully off-key English language. One offering was a video about Ying. "I left China with these thoughts in mind: to discover a European city which cultivates in its soul a vocation for capital." she explained on the back cover. What on earth did she mean? And what impact is this city having on the soul of the

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Fury over imports leaves nut factory in flames The factory belonged to bonary Peasants Union was re-

Barcelona (Kevlet) – A nui 1actory was burned down in northeast Spain by a little-known band of revolutionaries protesting at imports of Turkish hazelnuts, a regional government spokesman said vesterday.

"Traitor importers, Turkish hazelnuts, death," was found daubed on a wall that was left

Borges SA de Reus which has 60 per cent of the Spanish nut market. Twenty-five fire engines took four hours to extinguish the blaze which destroyed tons of almonds, pistachios and hazelnuts, causing an estimated £25m of damage.

A caller to a Spanish news agency claimed the Revolu-

sponsible and said the fire was we've heard of them," the spokesman in the Catalan agriculture department said. Turkish hazelnuts have been

flooding into Spain in recent months, he said. Tariffs fell last year to zero for the first 25,000 tons of raw hazelnuts and four

per cent thereafter, and nuts also come in tariff-free under a warning. "This is the first time the category of processed food. "It's distorting the market because production costs are infinitely lower in Turkey than

here," the spokesman said. The official Peasants' Union has already denounced Borges for selling Turkish hazelnuts un-der a local label.

IN BRIEF Peaceful hand over in Sierra Leone

Freetown-An elected government took power yesterday in Sierra Leone, which overcame civil war and a military coup to complete the transition to civilian rule. In one of the region's rare peaceful hand overs of power. President-elect Ahmed Tejan Kab-

hah, a lawyer and long-time politician and United Nations development worker, took over from military leader General Julius Maada Bio amid thunderous applause and a 21-gun salute.

General Bio, in power since leading a coup on 16 January, reminded Mr Kabbah of his tasks in a speech on the eve of the inauguration. 'As I speak today, there are still 2.1 million Sierra Leoneans, or 47 per cent of the country's population, who have been forced by violence to abandon their homes," he told diplo-

mats and international aid groups. "The outlook is grim." AP Man arrested in Cambodian kidnap case

Siem Reap, Cambodia --- A man alleged to have helped gunmen kidnap a British mine disposal expert and his interpreter has been arrested, Cambodian authorities said vesterday. The Governor of Siem Reap province Toan Chhay said the man, a former Khmer Rouge guerrilla who defected to the government, led the gang to where Christopher Howes and his mine-clearing colleagues were seized on Tuesday. Mr Chhay said villagers acting as intermediaries were again heading out to the gang's forest hideout to continue efforts to negotiate the release of Mr Howes and his interpreter. The gang is about 30-strong and at least some of its members are former Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

Hong Kong urged to fight for democracy

Hong Kong - Democracy groups in Hong Kong urged people on Friday to take to the streets to fight for democracy and resist China's efforts to abolish the British colony's legislature when Beijing takes over next year. Pro-democracy parties, labour unions and pressure groups handed together in a call for a protest march on Sunday to China's headquarters in the territory, according to the Xinhua News Agency.

Military warns of 'inevitable' war in Korea Tokyo - A senior North Korean military official warned that the armistice on the Korean Peninsula was nearing its limit and a new war in the area was becoming inevitable. In a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency, Vice-Marshal Kim Kwang-jin, first vice-minister of the People's Armed Forces, said

there were signs of military movements south of the demarca-

tion line between North and South Korea. Vietnam clamps down on treasure theft

Hanoi - Vietnam said vesterday it was moving to clamp down on a booming trade in precious statues and treasures being smuggled out of the country for the art galleries and antique shops of south-cast Asia and the West. A Culture Ministry official said there was growing alarm in Hanoi at the brazen manner in which ancient artefacts were being stripped from the country's temples

Romania warned of Mafia danger

Bucharest — Italian anti-mafia prosecutor Bruno Siclari warned Romania yesterday it was ripe for exploitation by organised crime. Speaking at a news conference, he said he was in the country to sound the alarm; to prevent Romania from having to face an infiltration of the Malia".









Three die in French shoot-out

CLIVIER HAMOIR

Roubaix - Three suspected armed robbers were killed and two policemen wounded yesterday in a shoot-out with police near the northern French city of Lille, where ministers of the Group of Seven industrial nations are due to meet on

A tourth suspected gangster who fled the scene was later killed in an exchange of fire with Belgian police near the Belgian city of Kontrijk

Belgian police said that another of the fleeing robbers was holding two women hostage in a house by a motorway in north-west Belgium.

French officials insisted that the clashes, and a related ear bombing attempt in Lifle on Thursday night, involved criminals, not terrorists. But it was not clear why armed robbers would detonate a car bomb or fight to the death when surrounded. Officials said the attacks were not linked with last year's wave of bombings by Algerian Muslim radicals, nor to the Group of Seven meeting.

"These two affairs have nothing to do with terrorism, they are criminal matters," the Interior Minister, Jean-Louis Debre, said, "It has nothing to do, as far as I can tell, with Islamism or terrorism.

The first three deaths occurred when police antiterrorist units stormed a house in Roubaix early yesterday. hours after a detonator ex-

ploded in a booby-trapped car parked outside the main police station in nearby Lille. The station is some 300 metres away from Lille's Grand Palais, the venue for the Group of Seven conference.

The intense gun battle set the Roubaix house alight, and police later found three charred hodies in the ruins. Several armed men in a BMW fleeing Rouhaix escaped after an exchange of gunfire when police tried to halt the vehicle.

Police in the Lille area and in nearby southern Belgium have been hunting a heavily armed gang who have killed and injured several people in attacks on armoured security vans carrying cash for banks and supermarkets. The gang, which last struck this week near Lille, has used rocket launchers and sub-machine guns.

The Lille car bomb was made up of three 13kg gas canisters. The canisters tailed to explode and were detonated by the police on Thursday night. The hunt for the bombers led police to surround and storm the house in Roubaix, near a mosque reported to be a meeting place for Íslamie fundamentalists. Police said they spotted three

Moroceans and a man of Algerian origin, who were under surveillance for suspected armed robbery, fleeing the scene of the Lille car bombing. France suffered a wave of bombings by suspected Algerian Muslim radicals last year in which eight people died and

more than 170 were injured.



Under cover: Police open fire as they prepare to storm an armed gang's hideout in Roubaix, France Photograph: Reuter

Squabbles mark end of an era as Giscard quits

MARY DEJEVSKY

Some time tomorrow, the stately figure of Valéry Giscard d'Estaing will walk out of a packed hall in Lyons and end an era in French politics. The Union pour la Démocratic Française, the centre-right grouping he founded to fight the 1978 par-liamentary elections and has liamentary elections and has headed ever since, will have passed to a new leader.

Although he is "only" 70, his departure comes none too soon for many, including UDF mem-bers. There, the feeling has grown that the man who in 1974 became France's youngest pres-ident was out of his time. This time last year Mr Giscard took what was an agonising decision not to run for the presidency again, accepting that his career at the top of French politics was over. He put his weight behind Jacques Chirac and, as head of the second-largest group in the parliamentary coalition, was rewarded with a measure of infinence in the new government, though it has not been as evident as he might have wished. He criticised Mr Chirac for

not being vocal enough in his commitment to the European project and not precise enough in his Europe policy. He was also angered when the government approved the name euro for the projected European currency rather than stick with

the ecu he had helped to name. At the same time, he recenty appeared to undermine the government's official position on the single currency - that France would be ready on time for the January 1999 deadline suggesting the criteria for joining could be more flexible. He also coined the term "Eurofundamentalists" to describe those he felt were too zealous

in pursuit of full integration. The contrast between Mr Giscard's tendency to snipe from the sidelines and the magisterial image he cultivated as president and then as UDF leader could hardly be greater.
But the seeds of the difficulties he is facing on the fringes of power were already there.

Footage of his presidential broadcasts shows a young president trying to give a more modern air to an institution he had inherited, but without the personal weight fully to impose himself: less the epitome of transitional figure straddling he traditions of old privilege – châteaux in the country, staghunting and gastronomy - and the new managerial, Europeand business-orientated approach to power.

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reer. Failure to clear up the matter satisfactorily showed that the conflict between old empire and new ethics has still not been fully resolved.

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The final months of Mr Giscard's UDF leadership were not the graceful departure he might have hoped for. An ardent pro-European, he leaves at a time of divergent views about its future. Failure to be elected mayor of his adopted city of Clermont-Ferrand in June, losing to the Socialist incumbent against the national trend, he took as a personal blow. Nor has his family been spared: a nephew received a hefty fine and suspended prison sentence for involvement in a corruption

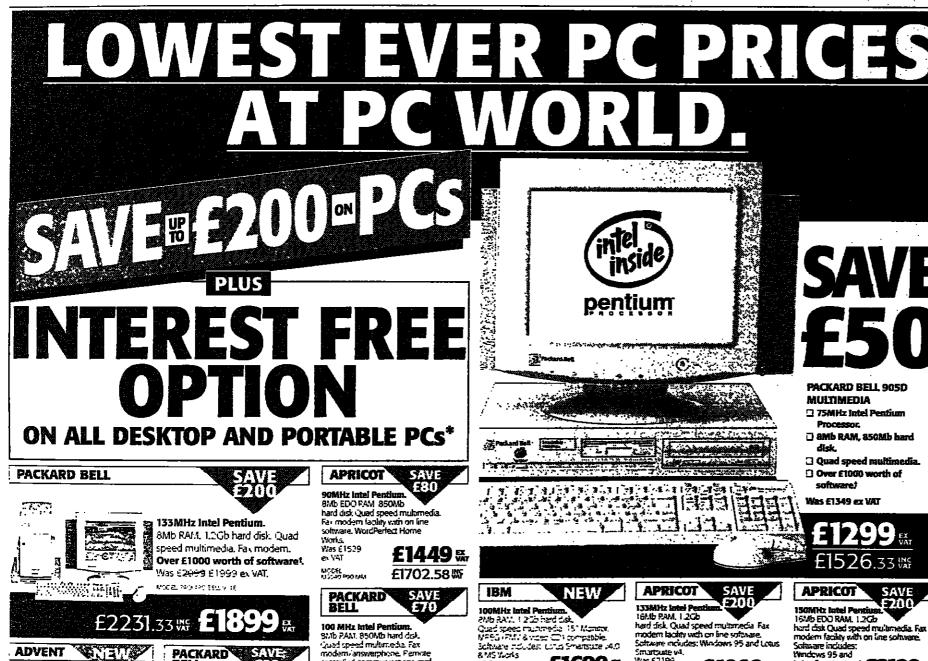
scandal in Lyons. Recently even the nature of his UDF leadership has come in for personal criticism. When he called for a policy debate to precede the leadership ballot for



his successor. Simone Veil, a minister in the Balladur government and still one of France's most respected politiclans, scornfully said that it came from a man who had spent most of his life "avoiding

The in-fighting over the succession is perhaps the final in-sult to his leadership, calling into question the future of the UDF after he goes. The "natural" successor. François Léotard, is at daggers drawn with Mr Giscard, having pledged to "erect a pillar inscribed with the names of all the people you - Giscard - destroyed". The other main candidate, Alain Madelin, has France's "golden youth" than a dubious centrist and European credentials but appears to have Mr Giscard's tacit support.

There are those who say Mr Giscard could spring one last surprise. Having tantalised the public by promising, then declining, to back one of the two main candidates for his job, African diamonds that he may some think he could break a or may not have accepted from possible deadlock tomorrow



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Russians bomb own troops in Chechen war

HELEN WOMACK

Russian forces rounded off a week in which they have pounded Chechen villages by acci-dentally bombing their own troop positions, it was revealed yesterday. The disastrous incident, in which soldiers and civilians were killed, will hardudience when President Boris Yeltsin goes on television tomorrow to announce a new plan to end the war in Chechnya, before the June elections.

The commander of Russian forces in Chechnya, General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, was forced to apologise for what he called the "accidental" bombing of the western village of Katyr-Yurt on Thursday. Nine civilians and an unspecified number of troops died.

The incident prompted even the pro-Kremlin puppet govhe must extinguish the conflict, which he has called the "biggest emment in Grozny to protest. A spokesman suggested it may disappointment of my presi-dency", if he is to stand a not have been an accident. Katyr-Yurt was a settlement chance of overtaking his Com-munist opponent, Gennady which had handed over its weapons in exchange for secu-Zyuganov, currently the front rity guarantees from the army, yet it had been bombed, he said. "Clearly there are forces among runner in the presidential election race. But his plan is going to have to be a magic one to succeed, and all the signs are the Russian military who are interested in continuing the war."

that it falls short.

swept Moscow that Mr Yeltsin was going to sack the Defence Minister, Pavel Grachev, who helped drag Russia into the war in 1994. His dismissal would have indicated new thinking in the Kremlin. But the general has made three trips to Chechnya in as many weeks to oversee a Russian operations which ob-servers say have been as brutal as any in the war.

Russian tanks were reported to be surrounding Chechen villages, making them sign peace agreements under duress. But there have been no talks with the separatist leader, General Dzhokhar Dudayev, although a recent poll showed 57 per cent of Russians favoured this idea. Instead, the Russian army has attacked rebel positions, pushing Dudayev's men back into the southern mountains.

General Grachev said this week that after Mr Yeltsin's speech, large-scale military perations would cease.

But General Dudayev, who still regards himself as being at war with Russia, cannot be relied on to play Mr Yeltsin's election game. In the absence of a proper settlement with all parties, the risk remains of terrorist raids, like that carried out in Kizlyar in January.

Grigory Yavlinsky on Thursday dismissed Mr Yeltsin's peace plan as a "myth" and called for "genocide" in Chechnya, But on another front, Mr Yeltsin's election chances were boosted yes terday, when the republics of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan signed an agreement on economic integration with Russia without loss of sovereignty.

Church row over 'white' cemetery

DAVID USBORNE

An attempt by a Southern Baptist church in rural Georgia to have the body of a mixed-race infant disinterred just days after its burial to keep its cemetery "100-per-cent white" has re-ignited racial anger in the American deep south.

The controversy over the fate of the body of Whitney Johnson, who died 19 hours after birth, has cast an unwelcome pall over the Protestant Southern Baptist Convention which was founded 150 years ago. partly in defence of American

Whitney's family was in-formed by the Barnett's Creek Baptist Church in Thomasville, Georgia, that the girl's funeral had been a mistake and that the body would have to be disinterred and buried elsewhere. Whitney's mother, Jaime Wireman, is white, and her father, Jeffrey Johnson, is black.

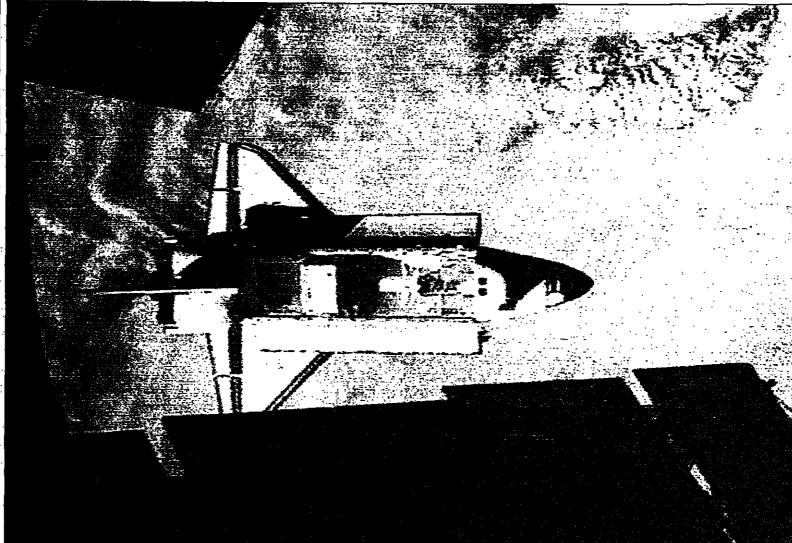
The astonishing message was apparently delivered by Logan Lewis, the pastor of the church. "He said they don't allow halfbreeds in their cemetery," the baby's grandmother said. "[The pastor said: That's a 100-percent white cemetery'."

Mr Lewis was quoted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as saying: "There's not any mixing of cemeteries anywhere in this area. If someone white asked to be buried in a black cemetery.

he'd be a laughing stock."
The church also claimed that it had been unaware of the race of the baby until it became obvious at the open-casket funeral. The pastor has since written

about "being deceived". Such has been the publicity surrounding the affair, that the church has backed down and will allow Whitney to remain at rest alongside other deceased members of the Wireman familv. But for the Baptist Convention, which last year issued a resolution to "repudiate historic acts of evil such as slavery" the damage is done.





The space shuttle Atlantis seen between the solar panels of the Russian space station Mir after undocking

Besieged vigilantes 'close to surrender'

TIM CORNWELL

according to experts on the American far-right fringe. They write cheques for huge sums, drawn on fictitious banks, take grand titles like Justice of the Peace and spout English common law in court submissions that run to hundreds of pages but make little sense. But their cheques were good enough to persuade car dealers to hand over a small

to defraud banks and mail-order firms of \$1.8m (£1.2m), it is alleged. And their smoke-and-The Freemen of Montana live mirrors financial schemes convinced hundreds of people TO TOTAL courses in Montana and Cali-

A reported 100 FBI agents and local police yesterday dozen armed Freemen were said to be holed up. Yesterday the stand-off, which authorities are at pains not to describe as a siege, entered its fifth day. The fleet of late-model trucks and FBI remained determined to

and bloody encounters with fringe and cult groups at Waco. Texas and Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Though supplies of food and

electricity to the ranch were cu off, agents have allowed a sister of two Freemen leaders to deliver a surrender petition which she helped to write. The continued to surround a remote Freemen, like other militant Montana ranch where about a anti-government groups that have flourished in the US in recent years, typically denounce the US government as an illegal conspiracy. They refuse to pay taxes, carry drivers' licences or recognise American courts

avoid a repetition of blundered and believe the US Constitution grants more rights to white than non-white citizens. But the Freemen and associated groups, said to number several

also described as able conmen. While other pro-gun militia groups began military training. the Freemen made their protests through legal gobbledygook and financial fakery.

They used phony law suits to harass local officials. In Colorado, for \$300, they showed farmers how to pay off farm loans by printing certified money orders on home computers.

Several dozen people showed up for courses each weekend at their ranch, the "Justus Township", where those inside are wanted for fraud and death Mary Broderick, held two-day workshops in the Los Angeles area offering a quick fix to money and tax problems and

drawing hundreds of people. Ms Broderick dropped out of sight in the desert town of Lancaster, California this week when prosecutors sought a restraining order, saying \$30m worth of fake cheques had reached the Government.

Alien visitors restore ghost town's spirits

RACHEL DAYS

Rachel, Nevada — If ET does come home, says Governor Bob Miller, "I would like it to be in Nevada". He will preside this month at the opening of a 97-mile airstrip for flying saucers, a section of desolate desert road whose new name is the Extra Terrestrial Highway.

The talk at the Little Ale Inn. the highway's roadside motel, is that ET has landed already. He may even be working alongside US engineers at the top secret US military installation on the other side of Bald Mountain. teaching them the ABCs of UFO propulsion.

"You all go search for UFOs now," says Sharon Singer, a researcher who investigates the wilder theories about the airbase, known as Area 51, giggling between Alien burgers washed down with Beam Me Up Scotty and Alien Secretion cocktails.

You are in Rachel, and anything you want to think is for real." The former Highway 375 sweeps through Nevada's high desert, an unforgiving place in a state with the lowest rainfall in the country. The sun beats down by day and temperatures drop sharply at night, when the stars seem very close.

Residents of Rachel, population 100 and the highway's only hamler, named for the only child ever born there, are often enlisted to retrieve stranded tourists with empty tanks. The sign leaving Rachel reads "Next Gas 110 miles". The route's highlights include ghost camps, along with the 26-mile marker where a UFO watcher and his wife claim to have been abducted by an alien named Ouavlar in 1983.

The campaign to rename the road followed a series of alleged UFO sightings in the early 1990s. It included demonstrations at the State Capitol by a local man named Merlin, convinced he had flown in from the

planet Delmonicus. Governor Miller agreed to the measure to boost tourism. Locals are already doing a brisk trade in T-shirts, keyrings, and alien busts. Wednesday is considered the best viewing night, and while most locals say they've never seen UFOs, the visitors seldom appear disappointed.

The Little A' Lc' inn was the plain old Rachel Bar and Grill until owner the Pat Travis, a grizzled Kentucky carpenter, had a tiash of inspiration and began adding rooms. Now its walls are littered with UFO photographs.

Conversation, with guests from all over the US and as far away as Australia, revolves around one topic. In 1989 a selfdescribed physicist. Bob Lazar, was interviewed on a Las Vegas television station. He claimed to have worked at a "flying saucer base" in the desert where the US military was studying stranded alien aircraft.

Mr Lazar picked a good locution: the Groom Lake airbase. where the US government has developed and tested much of its most closely guarded aerospace technology. Rachel, 20 miles away, is the nearest civilian site. For years the bat-like F-117 Stealth bomber flitted through the mountains around Rachel, while it was still part of a "black" defence program whose very existence was denied by the US government. The secrecy fuelled the UFO stories.

Trespassers on land around the base are arrested instantly dred dollars. It makes for an unusual type of tourism: driving to the edge of the restricted zone to read signs that warn the use of "deadly force" is authorised. Then it's back to the bar to swap more alien folklore. "The earth is but a grain of sand on a very large beach," intones owner Pat, "It doesn't make sense to

think we're alone. Tim Cornwell

Serb prisoners 'forced to eat soap' during months of beatings in solitary confinement

Doboj, Bosnia - Outside the door of the Red Cross office here in the Serbian sector of northern Bosnia, a dozen anxious women gather on the offchance of news. Their husbands are not among the 109 prisoners released by the Bosnian Muslims in Tuzla, 60 miles away, but perhaps one of the 109 has seen or heard of their men, most of them missing since the Serbs were pushed back in the September 1995

No news is not good news. One woman, pale and jumpy, poured out her fears that her husband had been "ritually murdered" by the mujahedin, whom many Serbs believe were sent in their thousands from Arab countries to fight for the

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register lists of Tuzla prisoners last month, but many men are

In northern Bosnia's Serbian sector women wait in vain for word of captive husbands. Lynne Reid Banks reports

oners said they were not visited by any humanitarian agency for the first three or four months of their captivity. All the newly released pris-

oners I talked to were reluctant conscripts, and none seemed to know what the war was about. One, a grizzled, unshaven sergeant wearing a bright new jacket, described his 45 days of solitary confinement and of interrogation - on how many women he had raped and how many Muslims he had killed -accompanied by blindfolding and beatings.

Later he was put in a shared cell in a regular prison. "Work" The Red Cross managed to there consisted of being handcuffed to a fence and made to pull grass. Sometimes he was

pick up eigarette butts dropped by the more kindly treated Muslim prisoners – deserters – wounded and sick. The men who were kept separate from the Serbs, but who could watch him at his task. His guards got some fun out of making him

shout: "I'm a dirty Chetnik!" Another man told of being captured when Muslim forces overran Serb positions. He was shot in a disused ambulance shed for two days, where he claimed he and his companions were beaten and humiliated, forced to "eat paper and soap", and given one-and-a-half litres of water a day for 30 men.

Later, they were taken to Tuzla and put into a civilian prison, he said. Forty men were held in a cell 20 metres square and kept taken into the prison yard to there for three months without

had done the night before, after being reunited with his family. "No going out drinking", he said. "I was drunk on the alcohol of life." ■ The Hague (Reuter) — The United Nations criminal tri-

bunal for former Yugoslavia were often forbidden to sit said on Friday it was returning down during the day. Drinkingthe Bosnian Serb Colonel Alekwater had to be collected in sa Krsmanovic to the custody of bottles from the toilets, the Bosnian government in which they visited three times Sarajevo. a day. They were given no

Colonel Krsmanovic was captured with General Djordje Djukic by Bosnian government forces on 30 January and was transferred to the tribunal's custody on 12 February.

Djukic was later charged with war crimes in connection with the siege of Sarajevo. The chief prosecutor Richard Goldstone earlier told the tribunal that there was no reason to hold Krsmanovic any longer in The Hague as he was unwilling to co-operate as a witness.

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US pledges to aid suffering Palestinians

PATRICK COCKBURN

The United States has pro-

posed a plan at the anti-terror- tinian official, called for \$100m ism conference in Washington to pump money and jobs into. the West Bank and Gaza in order to aid Palestinians who are suffering from the Israeli economic blockade.

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, told envoys from the 27 states attending the the conference that "the merchants of terror must be defeated, but "we must find ways cupied territories as a security to support the Palestinian peo-measure and as a collective called in the next few days.

ple as they, too, suffer the consequences of the Hamas bomb-

Saeb Erekat, a senior Pales-(£65m) in emergency funds to help Palestinians avoid starva-Lion and head off a "major. explosion" in the West Bank and

Gaza. "The peace process has come to a halt, and war is being waged against [Yasser] Arafat and the Palestinian people," he said. Israel has sealed off the 2:3 million Palestinians in the oc-

punishment, after four suicide bombs killed 62 people in Israel. A ban on all Palestinians working in Israel has crippled the economy of the West Bank and

The plan, details of which have still to be spelled out, is the result of pressure on the US from Arab and European states and the Palestinians. It marks a step away from

Washington's previous insisfocused primarily on countermeasures to terrorism. A meeting of donor countries is to be After talking by phone with Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, Mr Christopher said: "We have agreed on the development of an emergency plan designed to improve the economic situation in Gaza and the West Bank."

changes of clothes, no heating.

taken out on work details, dig-ging canals and rebuilding ru-med buildings. After the months of darkness and con-

finement, he said, they "could

hardly see or walk". He claimed

that as the prisoners worked,

guards subjected them to ran-

dom beatings. He described his release as "a

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and nothing to do.

The materials necessary for the jobs programme will be allowed into Palestinian areas. Convoys, including those containing citrus exports from Gaza, transporting goods to and from Israeli ports and Jordaman crossing points, would be

to bring imports from Egypt into the West Bank and Gaza. between the US and its Euro-

More trucks will be allowed Differences have emerged

pean allies over the follow-up to the "summit of peace-makers" in Egypt two weeks ago. France has reportedly been

seeking support from Germany Italy and Britain to spearhead a European initiative, arguing that the follow-up conference ought to consider the causes of terrorism, and not only the ef fects. France believes repressive policies will not help the peace process in the long run.

In the first of a three-part series, Nick Schoon outlines the radically altered global climate that will form our grandchildren's inheritance

Last year was the earth's climate and raise sea levels. Last November, under the auspices of perature records began more

than a century ago. At the start of this month, Britain experienced the worst ever damage to the part of the ozone layer that hangs high above it in the stratosphere.

The theoretical has become the actual. Hazards that just a few years ago seemed entirely within the realms of scientific speculation are affecting us, here and now. The consequences for us and our children over the next 10. 20, 50 years could be catastrophic and will certainly be far reaching.

A little over 20 years ago, we got the first warnings that the build-up of a group of non-texic. ubiquitous industrial chemicals. CFCs and others, in the atmosphere could theoretically deplete the ozone layer that shields life from much of the incoming ultraviolet light in sunshine.

Ten years ago, the first ozone hole was detected over the Antarctic by the British Antarctic Survey. It was a startling demonstration of the power of pollution; very low concentrations of a fairly innocuous contaminant could drastically alter the physics of the atmosphere over an entire continent.

But it was earlier this month that ozone destruction really came home. Instruments at either end of the country - at Lerwick in Shetland and Cambourne in Cornwall - measured the lowest levels of stratospheric ozone recorded over Britain in 20 years of watching the skies. An ozone hole - thankfully, a shortlived one - was opening over

ments detected an unprece- in their retirement years. But dented surge in UV-B radiation their children and grandchildren shining down onto these islands. will have to learn to take much The levels of this potentially dangerous radiation, which can cause skin cancers, were of the culture, leisure activities and same strength as those normally. found in May when the sun is much higher in the sky.

Fortunately, we are attempting to abort the dangerous and unwitting experiment with the ozone layer. A series of international agreements is cracking down on the chemicals that destroy it. But that does not mean the threat is over. There is a fierce argument about whether the pace of the phase-out is fast enough. Holes will continue to appear for decades to come.

But our bigger and still more dangerous experiment with the climate is only just beginning. Global warming has moved out of the realms of theory; it's with us and with a vengeance.

Scientists have been warning would raise temperatures, after could be harbingers of the global

the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, they reached a consensus that this temperature rise can now be detected. The Eighties and Nineties have seen nine of

the 10 hottest years on record. But unlike the ozone layer, there are as yet no agreements in place that will slow down and reverse this process. Even if, overnight, the world miraculously halved its use of fossil fuels, global warming would continue because of the thermal momentum already built up and because 50 per cent would not be a sufficiently large cutback.

So it is going to be a hotter world in the next century. If we continue to remain hooked on fossil fuel (there is still at least a century worth of reserves underground) the century after that will be hotter still. The question that climatologists and their models cannot yet answer is exactly

'If ice caps slide into the sea and melt, sea levels will rise by hundreds of feet'

how much warmer. And precisely where it will be warmer. wetter, drier, or stormier.

Every aspect of society, of our children and grandchildren's lives, will be affected. Today's thirtysomethings will probably At the same time, other instru- have to cope with climate shifts more drastic measures.

Our economies, health, agriwater supplies will all have to adjust. Nations may come into conflict because of water and food shortages exacerbated by global warming, so diplomacy and defence strategies will be affected, too.

Because the scientists are still several years from being able to make good regional predictions. it is impossible to know exactly what global warming has in store for Britain through the 21st century. Today's supercomputer forecasts suggest a slightly warmer and even rainier group of islands. But the stronger heat in summer could easily counterbalance the extra rainfall through increased evaporation, making

Britain a drier place. Several recent very mild winfor more than a century that ters in the UK and the recordburning fessil fuels and forests breaking heat of last summer and the much more severe drought of last year that is now certain to resume this summer. The consequences for how we collect, distribute and use water will be far reaching. The rainfall shortage has made

warming. So could the English drought between 1989 and 1992.

the water companies question all their assumptions about resources and demand, and caused a frantic investment in extra supplies in some regions. Worldwide, there are other

signals that global warming is already here. Most mountain glaciers for which we have good records are shortening, retreating higher and higher as they

One of the strongest warming trends has been in the Antarctic Peninsula - 2.5°C warmer in 50 years. In the last Antarctic summer (our winter of 94/95), huge thick, floating ice shelves covering about 2,000 square miles of sea rapidly broke up - the first time this has been observed.

The most advanced predictions, such as those being produced by the Meteorological Office's Hadley Centre in Bracknell, Berkshire, suggest that glob-ally average surface tempera-tures will rise 1°C between now and 2040.

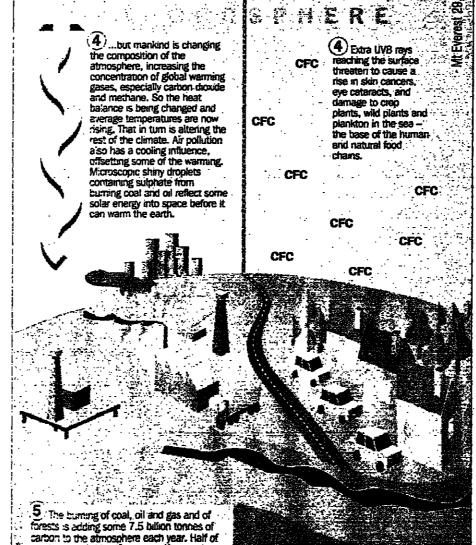
While 1°C in 50 years may sound trivial, the 0.2°C a decade rise this implies is faster than any since the last Ice Age ended 10,000 years ago. This alone is enough to disrupt natural ecosystems and agriculture.

But on top of this temperature rise will come changes in rainfall, wind patterns and soil moisture content, adding to the impact. They are only forecasts based on an incomplete understanding of how the earth's atmosphere. oceans, icecaps and plantlife will respond to the warming – dampening or accelerating it. But if the huge on-land ice caps of Greenland and Antarctica were to become detached, slide into the sea and melt, sea levels would rise not by the two feet forecast for 2100 using computer models but by hundreds of feet. A land area the size of a large continent

would disappear. If global warming were to halt or divert the Gulf Stream. Britain and western Europe would become much colder. The risks of widespread, climatecaused death, disease and famine are ever higher in an increasingly crowded world, with dense populations packed into areas prone to drought, floods and crop failures.

A few decades beyond the millennium, we may see the Nineties as a wasted decade in which we chose to continue adding to these risks despite

the atmosphere **GLOBAL OZONE THINNING** WARMING 2) Each square metre of facing the sun at the edge of space receives 1,370 vatts of solar power, slightly more than an electric kettle uses. This incoming energy is spread through the electromagnetic spectrum -visible light and invisible infrared and ultraviolet **Ultraviolet B radiation** 1 Much of the hamful Ultraviolet 8 (UVB) radiation in sunlight is absorbed by ozone gas in the stratosphere. This ozone, made up of three oxygen atoms is continuously being destrayed and recreated as it absorbs the UVB. The ozone is at its highest concentration between 40,000 and 80,000 feet. 2) At the top of the Even so, it is extremely dilute. atmosphere, the incoming radiation is exactly balanced by radiation flowing back into space from earth (2) Rising concentrations chiefly long wavelength of a range of man-made infrared rays. If it eases in the stratosohere wasn't, the planet's are destroying the ozone, temperature would be letting more UVB through. The most important are CFCs and HCFCs used in conditioning, trichioroethane (a solvent cleaner used in the dry-cleaning) and methy bromide, a widely used 3 Ozone 'holes' form Infra-red radiation CFC now the Arctic, in their Here, still air and clouds to form in the The first sunshine of reactions on the surface of the cloud droolets which rapidly destroy 3 Some infrared radiation of the gas can be lost heading up from the earth's over an area the size of warm surface is absorbed by a continent. gases in the lower authosphere, before they in cum emit radiation into space. The most important of these gases are water vapour, carbon dioxide and methane, in that order. Their absorption of infrared raises the air temperature by 21 this natural greenhouse effect the earth would be



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Heads in the clouds

Tom Wilkie examines the scientific explanations for why the planet is getting warmer

The hole in the Antarctic ozone layer might have for the Falklands War. The British Antarctic Survey (BAS) had been short of money and considered stopping ozone-measuring. After the Falklands War, Mrs Thatcher channelled more money to the BAS for reasons of political prestige in the South Atlantic. Measuring ozone was reprieved. It was measurements by this programme in 1985 that helped to confirm earlier suggestions by a Japanese researcher (which had been roundly dismissed) that the ozone layer was being depleted.
The materials responsible

for ozone depletion - the chioroflourocarbons (CFCs) used in refrigerators and airconditioning units, and as propellants in aerosols - are potent greenhouse chemicals. Molecule for molecule, CFCs are far more efficient as a warming blanket than carbon dioxide. However, there is far less of the stuff in the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide is

the main greenhouse gas. There is a further link. Global warming could increase the rate at which the remaining CFCs deplete ozone, according to Professor Sherwood Rowland from the University of California.

Professor Rowland and Dr Mario Molina shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry last year for predicting, more than a decade before the hole in the Antarctic ozone layer was discovered, that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) could damage the ozone layer.

Professor Rowland believes that over the next 50 years, the ozone layer will recover as a result of the decreasing concentrations of CFCs. But it could be a close-run thing. Professor Rowland said:

The worry about low ozone in the next couple of decades is the possibility of volcanic eruptions putting surfaces in there for chlorine to take out ozone more efficiently." Volcanoes can increase

ozone depletion by throwing huge quantities of sulphur dioxide gas into the stratosphere, where it forms sulphuric acid aerosol droplets. These provide reactive surfaces to increase the efficiency with which chlorine from CFCs reacts with and removes the ozone.

The effect of sunlight on the chemistry of aerosols on the surfaces of ice-crystals in stratospheric clouds may appear recondite; it is relatively straightforward compared to modelling the effects of carbon dioxide on

One complication: pollution

from burning fossil fuels is cooling large areas of the planet's surface as well as carbon dioxide trap heat in the atmosphere, but sulphate aerosols, also produced by burning coal and gas, act as a heat shield.

Powerful computers are the chief scientific weapon against global warming. Scientists at the Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction at Bracknell, Berkshire, are using a Cray C90 computer to calculate how the climate evolved from 1860 to the present day. Once they can recreate the past, the modellers will have more confidence in predicting a future in which concentrations of greenhouse gases continue to rise as the world burns

more coal, oil and gas. The behaviour of the oceans and the atmosphere are critical. There are complex flows of energy and water going on between the two. with the oceans slowing warming or cooling trends in

Then there is the cooling

'Over the next 50 years, the ozone layer will recover... But it will be a close-run thing'

effect of aerosols. These are microscopic particles of sulphate, dust and water produced by the burning of lossil fuels as well as nature volcanoes, sea spray and forest fires. They appear as a haze in the lower atmosphere.

Sulphate aerosol cools by reflecting incoming sunlight back into space. They are also "seed" clouds and boost the number of water droplets they contain. The clouds are then whiter and brighter and so reflect more incoming sunshine back to space.

Clouds, which could have a critical influence on the progress of any man-made global warming, are just 28 confusing. A warmer atmosphere would probably contain more water vapour itself a greenhouse gas causing further warming, But more vapour could mean more clouds. They trap some of the Earth's outgoing heat radiation, but they also reflect incoming sunlight, preventing solar radiation from heating the lower atmosphere and ground. In a warming world, our scientists will need to have their heads in the

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OUR SCORCHED EARTH

Read the final two instalments of our series in Section Two next week

MONDAY

There are very few aspects of our daily lives that won't be touched by the effects of climatic change in the next century, in the second part of our series on the effects of global warming, we investigate the areas most in danger from a peril of man's making

TUESDAY

Where does the planet go from here? In the final part of our investigation into climatic change, we search for answers to a global problem

The will to prevent climatic disaster?

eaders in politics and business know all about the threat of global warming. But across most of the world they seem unable or unwilling to address it.

In 1988, they set up the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the IPCC) to report on the pace and scope of the likely changes, how people could adapt to them and what strategies could reduce the rate of change.

The IPCC finished its first very long set of reports in 1990. The next step was to negotiate a climate protection treaty. That was concluded by May 1992, in time for the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Presidents and prime ministers from 180 nations who had gathered in Brazil signed the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

But while this treaty provides a fine legal basis for tackling the problem, it bound not one single country to reduce its output of global warming gases. Globally these emissions are rising by about 2 per cent a year as populations grow and devel-

oping countries industrialise. The 36 most developed, industrialised countries includ-

ing Britain did make a -hinding commitment to stabilise their emissions at the 1990 level by the year **2000**. The point of this was to lead by example. It is now certain that many of them, including important players such as the USA and Canada, will fail to meet this commitment. Britain is one of the few developed nations that will have lowered its emissions through the 1990s.

A year ago, in Berlin, the first "Conference of the Parties" to this treaty took place. This ended with the developed countries promising that, by late 1997, they would negotiate further limits on their emissions beyond the turn of the century. Whether this means that they will commit themselves to cuts, rather than slowing growth, is not clear. Britain and Germany advocate reduc-

tions. There are no controls on rising Third World emissions. Scientists say emissions need to be a cut by about 70 per cent to stabilise the concentration of heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere and

halt warming. As people become wealthier and more mobile across the world their economies need more energy, and the bulk of it comes from coal, oil and gas. The politicians find it extremely difficult to tax or regulate industry, commerce and households into using less. Sir Crispin Tickell is an ex-diplomat and mandarin who alerted Margaret Thatcher to global warming. An advanced student of climatology, he still retains some influence on Government. "We're all a bit schizophrenic about this," he says. "On the one hand, you can't fail to see that governments need to do an enormous amount more. On the other, you have to appreciate that the changes can only be slow and incremental. The only thing that will make people change their minds is a catastrophe." We are not sure vet whether this is where we are heading. but it cannot be ruled out.

Nicholas Schoon

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Sir William Shakespeare Bt

William Shakespeare practised as a general practitioner in Aylesbury for almost 20 years, from 1968 to 1987. "I enjoyed my work," he wrote, "and found it satisfying. I think-and believe that my patients appreciated the care and attention I gave them. I do not think they were put off by my size. In medicine as in most things involving people, good capport and communication are the most important

things."
Affected himself by achondroplasia (short stature), atrics because, as he wrote, "I Shakespeare had a unique un-think I felt that being a small derstanding of the problems facing people of short stature which was greatly valued by the Restricted Growth Association (formerly the Association for Research into Restricted Growth), of which he was an active member and which he served as Vice-President from 1982 until 1996. The association is a self-help organisation set up 25 years ago to advise and sup-port families and individuals of restricted growth. It is estimated that between 5,000 and 10,000 people in Britain are affected by the condition.

The son of Sir Geoffrey Shakespeare, the first Baronet, a Liberal MP and wartime minister, William Shakespeare was

educated at Radley College and Clare College, Cambridge, where he read Natural Sciences. Willingly accepting the challenge of achondroplasia, he overcame the reservations of his parents and decided to read medicine. In 1953, he was accepted by Clare College, Cambridge, for pre-clinical studies. He subsequently went to St George's Hospital, London, for clinical training, where he met Sue Raffel, his future wife. His chosen speciality was paedi-

doctor might make me more acceptable to small anxious children and this seemed to be so." His training began with house jobs in paediatrics and medicine. A Senior House Officer post in Paediatrics at King Edward VII Hospital in Windsor, and then that of Resident Medical Officer at the Children's Hospital in Chelsea, allowed him to achieve the DCH (Diploma in Child Health) in 1963. This led to a residency at the Boston Children's Hospital. Massachusetts (1963-64). During this time he married Sue Raffel; they announced their en-

gagement on the 400th an-

niversary of his namesake the

playwright's birth and appeared

Whitmore family, a Shropshire

family whose association with

Dudmaston, near Bridgnorth, can be traced back to Norman

times. Dudmaston passed to her

by her uncle Geoffrey

Wolryche-Whitmore in 1952

and she and Sir George

Labouchere made it their home

on US national television. Their best man was a close friend called Bill Macbeth.

Shakespeare returned to England to work as a Paediatric Registrar at Amersham, Stoke Mandeville and High Wycombe from 1964 to 1966. In 1967-68 he went to Barbados and worked as a GP Assistant before commencing General Practice in Aylesbury. From 1972 until his retire-

ment in September 1995, he was also Clinical Assistant to the Department for Learning Difficulties at Manor House Hospital, Aylesbury, an important centre for the care of children with severe learning problems. Dr Gerta Barton, a consultant there, writes, "He contributed much to improve the medical care of these difficult patients."

Shakespeare's involvement with disabled people led to his appointment in 1977 as National Vice-President of PHAB (Physically Handicapped, Able-Bodied), the nationwide organisation which supports people with disabilities by integrating them with ablebodied people in a wide programme of social and educational activities. He was also invited to be a member of the Snowdon Working Party into

capped, and served on the com-mittee from 1974 to 1976. He Shakespeare was the Guest of Honour for the second such anwas Joint Founder Member nual ceremony in 1993 and of-(with Dr H.O. Phillipson) of the ficiated at the burial of a time Ìonathan Page Adventure Playcapsule in the vault of the ground for the Handicapped in Aylesbury, and from 1987 medtheatre.

Bill Shakespeare was a keen follower of cricket, being a member of MCC, and rowing, having coxed both for his colical adviser to Bucking-hamshire's Adoption Panel. Shakespeare maintained close ties with Radley College lege and St George's Hospital. and remained chairman of their He also found time to enjoy social services committee until reading, travel and gardening. his death. He talked to the boys Martin Nelson on several occasions about his work as a doctor of mentally

William Geoffrey Shakespeare, physician: bom 12 October 1927; handicapped and disabled peo-ple, advised boys who wanted to paediatric registrar, Stoke Man-deville Hospital 1964-66; generbecome doctors and took parties to visit the remarkable al practitioner, Aylesbury 1968-87; hospital at Aylesbury.

He also had a great interest in theatre, especially that of his Hospital Practitioner, Mental Subnormality, Manor House Hospital, Aylesbury 1972-96; kinsman (he was a distant relmember, Snowdon Working Parative of the playwright), and was elected a trustee of the Shakety, Integration of Handicapped 1974-76; Vice-President, PHAB 1977-96: succeeded 1980 as secspeare Globe Trust in 1992. His ond Bt 1980; Vice-President, Reparticular interest was in the Globe Link project, which had stricted Growth Association (formerly Association for Rebeen conceived to interest schoolchildren in the activities search into Restricted Growth) of the Globe Theatre. Schools 1982-96; Medical Adviser to Buckinghamship Adoption Panfrom all parts of the world el 1987-96; trustce. Shakespeare raise funds for the theatre and Globe Trust 1992-96; married children are invited to attend a ceremony on the annual com-1964 Susan Raffel (two sons); died Cambridge 12 March 1996. memoration of William Shake-



Rachel Labouchere

After the retirement in 1966 of her husband, Sir George Labouchere, the British ambassador to Spain, Rachel Labouchere was a considerable benefactress. First to the National Trust, by the transfer to them of her mother's family mansion at Dudmaston, in Shropshire: and secondly to the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, by the endowment of properties in Coalbrookdale belonging to the Quaker Darby family from whom she also. descended.

She was born Rachel Hamilton-Russell in 1908, a granddaughter of the eighth Viscount Boyne (the title was created for Gustavus Hamilton. one of William III's commanders at the Battle of the Boyne). Both she and her cousin the 10th Viscount, who predeceased her by three months, were prominent in the life of Shropshire: Boyne was Lord-Lieutenant of the county and a Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen: On her mother's side she be-

longed to the Wolryche-

when he retired from the Diplomatic Service. One of her early memories was as a six-year-old child be-



Photograph: Dorothy Wilding

ing taken to Brancepeth Castle, the Hamilton-Russell property near Durham which had been converted to a 100-bed military hospital and which was managed by her parents during the First World War. The inter-war years were spent back in Shropshire. Towards the beginning of the Second World War Rachel Hamilton-Russell went to work at the Admiralty in London. It was there in 1942 that she met George Labouchere, who had become a Resident Clerk at the

Foreign Office, having returned there from Rome when Italy entered the war. The two became engaged to be married in 1943 and, when George Labouchere was posted as First Secretary to the British Embassy in Stockholm. Rachel followed. The Dakota in which she was flying failed to get through to Sweden and returned to Leuchars in Scotland, leaving George stranded, not knowing what had happened. Nothing deterred. Rachel flew

May 1943 and served in Sweden for the remainder of the war. After the war they served in

the Diplomatic Service in Nanking, Buenos Aires, Vienna and Budapest until 1955, when George Labouchere be-came British ambassador to Belgium. The culmination of their diplomatic life was reached in 1960 when Labouchere was sent to Madrid.

Their arrival at Dudmaston opened two new chapters in Rachel Labouchere's life. It had been her uncle's wish that Dudmaston should be handed over to the National Trust, and this ambition was accomplished in 1978, Since then Dudmaston has been a popular and valuable part of the trust's Shropshire holdings, with the help and support of the Laboucheres, whose own collection of modern British, French and Spanish paintings and sculptures now form part of the out-

standing displays at the house. Rachel Labouchere had a deep sympathy with her Quak-

nal grandmother, who was the daughter of Albert Darby of Coalbrookdale and Rebeca Miller Christy, both from distinguished Quaker families. Rachel's aunt Muriel Cope-Darby was the last of the Darbys to live in Coalbrookdale. Rachel herself was the eighth generation of the family which had came to prominence when in 1709 her ancestor Abraham Darby discovered how to smelt iron using coke instead of charcoal, and thus set Britain on its

course to becoming the world's

first industrial power. Her retirement coincided with the establishment of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, in which she took a very personal interest; she was its president for 14 years. She furnished two of the Darby family properties in Coalbrookdale with inherited family furnishings and artefacts, and endowed a special trust to assist with the establishment of volunteer help; she also wrote two books on her ancestors Abiah and Deborah Darby, both remarkable Quak- 22 March 1996.

er ministers, and at the time of her death was writing a third. This work was recognised by the granting of an honorary degree of Doctor of Law by Birmingham University.

Rachel Labouchere is remembered as a great charmer. This was a natural ability reinforced by her upbringing, but after a lifetime in the Diplomatic Service she had perfected the art. It gave her modest and amused pleasure to recall that the ladies of her family had inherited, from her ancestor Lucy Darby, deep blue eyes and long evelashes, and she was not above deploying these. At the same time she was a tough op-erator, who rarely failed to achieve her objective.

Rachel Kasharine Hamilton-Russell, writer and benefactor: born London 31 August 1908; married 1930 Malcolm Mac-Gregor (marriage dissolved 1940), 1943 George Labouchere (KCMG 1955, GBE 1965); died

Tom Wakefield

disabled children. His experi-

ence in education was the ba-

sis for He's Much Better, He Can

Smile (1974), reissued as Special

A loosely knit and semi-autobiographical trilogy of nov-

1978, and The Love Siege, 1978) [1] were characterised by simplic-

els (Trixie Trash, Star Ascending, 1977, Isobel Quirk in Orbit.

ity of construction and style and

become unexpectedly uproari-

ous. He was awarded the North

West Arts Council Literary Fel-

lowship in 1980-82, based at

Lancaster University, as Writer

in Residence. He received an

Oppenheim award for literature

achievement was the episode

novel Mates, the first of three

books he published with the fledgling Gay Men's Press. The

story of Cyril and Len who meet

doing National Service in the

1950s and enjoy a relationship

which lasts 25 years and ends

only with death. Mates is that

rarest of literary endeavours: a subtle, tender and comic story

about two working-class gay men whose lives are without in-

Possibly his most enduring

gentle humour which could

School (1977).

Tom Wakefield was a novelist ture were put to use teaching whose writing was more than usually autobiographical; inci-dents from his life were often immediately recognisable to those who knew him and his extensive repertoire of anecdotes

and stories. His close relationship with his father in part inspired the best of his work: Mates (1983) and "an early autobiography". For-ues Child (1980). That same relationship, perhaps the most intense in his life, became the subject of a television documentary, Fathers by Sons, broadcast in the mid-Eighties, and provided the impetus for "The Stag" in The Ten Commandments (1992), a collection of short stories by 10 different authors, each deriving from the biblical directives. It was no surprise that Wakefield had taken

ment: Honour thy father and thy mother. Brought up in a mining family in the west Midlands. Wakefield was the archetynal bright working-class child who through education and selfimprovement (expressed in his love for literature) transcended (without ever abandoning) his class. Moving to London in cident yet extraordinary. at Hackney Downs School in

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west London, subsequently Deputy Head at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt School in Swiss Cottage, where his infinite patience and sweetness of na-

short story collection Drifters (1984) and the novels The Discus Throwers (1985), The Variety Artistes (1987). Lot's Wife (1989) and War Paint (1993). His later novels focused on late middle and old age and combined compassion and comedy in about equal measure. asperity and a tinge of sentimentality.

Throughout his career, Tom Wakefield had been a contributor to a range of newspapers and magazines, including Teachers' World, New Statesman, New Society, the Literary Review and Gav Times.

Peter Burton Thomas Wakefield, writer: born Cannock Chase, Staffordshire 13

in a Swedish plane to Stockholm. They were married in er ancestry through her mater-**Professor Sir John Golding**

For most of his professional life, John Golding worked as an orthopaedic surgeon in the West Indies, where he became a household name, not only for his surgical ability, but also for his considerable contribution to the care of the disabled in

For this work the Jamaican government awarded him the Certificate of Distinction in 1974, and in 1980 its highest honour, the Order of Jamaica. He was only the second expatriate

to receive such an honour... in Jamaica, to open a new department of orthopaedics at the then University College of the West Indies in 1953, Golding was caught up in the worst epidemic of poliomyelitis ever experienced on the island, af- of orthopaedic surgery in the

fecting over 1,000 children. He organised the surgical treatment, set up rehabilitation facilities and, as a result of his earlier connection with the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in the UK, was able to draw upon the expertise of their surgical workshops, the manager of whom was temporarily seconded to the island

to set up arrangements for the making of remedial splints. Following the polio epidemic Golding went on to develop a rehabilitation centre and a Within a year of his arriving school for the disabled. That centre, now known as the Mona Rehabilitation Centre, is still the only major centre for the rehabilitation of the disabled in the whole of the Caribbean. For this work, and for the development

OBE in 1959.

His untiring work for the disabled continued for the next three decades, his meticulous surgery being followed by intensive rehabilitation and, finally, work resettlement. He inspired the development of wheelchair sports in Jamaica, which resulted in impressive resuits in the Paralympics, and one of his last projects was to establish a unique outpatient

Hospice Pain Centre. John Golding was born in London in 1921, educated at Marlborough College and Cambridge. He graduated at the Middlesex Hospital, London, in 1944. After a period in the RAMC he obtained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1948

West Indies, he was appointed and returned to the Middlesex as a postgraduate from 1948. He spent two years at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, London, before moving to

> In 1965 he was appointed the Princess Alice Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of the West Indies, a post which he held until his retirement in 1988.

> Golding's academic and professional achievements were impressive. In 1956 he was awarded an ABC Travelling Fellowship to America and Canada, and in the same year gave a Hunterian Lecture at the Royal College of Surgeons of England on the subject of sickle-cell disease in bone - a condition which was little understood at the time, but has

since grown to be of considerable importance. He wrote many scientific papers and was a recognised expert on orthopaedic abnormalities and disease to be found in the Caribbean and elsewhere in tropical countries. He was a founder member of World Orthopaedic Concern, and its Secretary-General in the early 1980s. For his outstanding con-

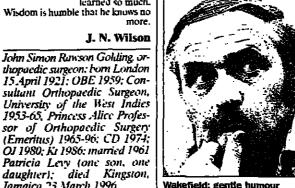
throughout the world he was knighted in 1986. In Golding's address to the British Medical Association meeting in Jamaica in 1974 he quoted some lines from William Cowper which perhaps do more than anything to sum up his own philosophy about medicine in general and orthopaedics in particular:

tribution to orthopaedics

Knowledge and Wisdom, far from being one. Have of times no connexion. Knowledge dwells In heads replete with thoughts of other men Wisdom in minds attentive to their Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much Wisdom is humble that he knows no

John Simon Rawson Golding, or thopaedic surgeon: born London 15 April 1921; OBE 1959; Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University of the West Indies 1953-65, Princess Alice Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery (Emeritus) 1965-96; CD 1974; OJ 1980; Kt 1986; married 1961 Patricia Levy (one son, one

Jamaica 23 March 1996.



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Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

CLILUM: On 20 March, to Julie and

CV.LUM: On 2b March, to june and Mark, a son, and to James a brother, Harry George.

GALLOWAY: On 9 March 1996, at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore, to Graham and Nana, a doughter, Amer Mackenzie, a sister for James, Guy and Frona. JUDD: On 19 March, to Caroline (née Fentem) and Thomas, a daughter, He-len Victoria Anne.

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Changing of the Guard

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr John Allen, former Principal, Central School of Speech and Drama, 84; Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, former Secretary to the Cabinet, 69; Miss Sarah Badel, actress, 53: Mr Warren Beatty, actor, 59: Lord Browne-Wilkinson, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 66; Mr Eric Clapton, rock guitarist, 51; Mr John Coaies, naval architect, 74; Miss Sue Cook, television presenter, 47; Mr Alan Davidson, author, publishor and former diplomat, 72: Mr Graeme Edge, rock musician, 53; Mr George Esson, former Chief Con-stable, Dumfries and Galloway, 54: Professor Leonard Forster, former Schröder Professor of German, Cambridge University. 83; Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich, art historian, 87; Sit John Gray, marine biologist, 78; Mr Rolf Harris, entertainer, 60; Professor Tony Honoré, former Regius Professor of Civil Law, Oxford, 75; Mr John Jennings, chairman, Shell Transport and Trading Co, 58; Pro-fessor Ron Johnston, Professor of Geography, Bristol University, 55; Mr Nigel Jones MP, 48; Mr Frankie

Laine, singer, 83; Mr Bernard Lyons, former chairman, UDS Group, 83; Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman, Tesco, 59; Mr Piers Morgan, Editor, Daily Mirror, 31; Lord Rayner, former chairman, Marks and Spencer, 70; Mr Tom Sharpe, novelist and historian, 68; The Countess of Sutherland, Chief of the Clan Sutherland, 75; General Sir Richard Trant, former Quarter Master General, 68; Sir John Wells, former MP, 71; Profes-

sor Arie Zuckerman, Dean, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 64. TOMORROW: Mr Herb Alpert, ian, 61; Professor Patrick Bu son. Provost of King's College, Cambridge, 58: Mr Richard Chambertain, actor, 61; Mr Sydney Chaplin, actor, 70; Mr Robbie Coltrane, actor, 46; Mr Alan Duncan MP, 39; Mr Don Foster MP, 49; Mr John Fowles, nov-

elist, 70; Miss Shirley Jones, actress, 62; Mr John Kemp-Welch, Chairman, Stock Exchange, 60; Mr Richard Kiley, actor, 74; Sir Pat Lowry, former President, Institute of Personnel Management, 76; Sir Derek Patrinson, former Secretary-general, General Synod of the Church of England, 66; Air Commodore Helen Renton, former Director, WRAF, 65; The Right Rev John Roberts, former Abbot of Downside, 77; Mrs Daphne Robertson, Sheriff of Glasgow and Strathkelvin, 59: Professor Damo Sheila Sherlock, Professor of Medicine, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 78; Sir Derek Spencer QC MP, Solicitor General, 60; Sir David Steel MP, 58; Lord Trefgame, former government minister, 55; Professor Sir Frederick Warner, chemical engineer, 86; Mr Sidney Weighell, for-mer trade union leader, 74; Mr Nicholas Winterton MP, 58.

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Paul Verlaine, poet, 1844; Vincent Van Gogh, painter. 1853: Sean O'Casey, playwright, 1880. Deaths: William Hunter. anatomist, 1783; George Bryan "Bean" Brummel, dandy, 1840; Rudolf Steiner, social philosopher, 1925; Airey Middleton Sheffield Neave MP, killed 1979; James Cagney, actor, 1986. On this day: President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest by an assassin, 1981. Today is the Feast Day of St John Ch-macus, St Leonard Murialdo, St Ludoff, St Osburga, St Rieul or Regulus and St Zosimus of Syracuse.

TOMORROW: Births: Rene Descartes, philosopher, 1596; An-drew Marvell, poet, pamphleteer and politician, 1621; Franz Joseph Haydn, composer, 1732; Andrew Lang, scholar, poet and editor, 1844. Deaths: John Donne, poet, 1631; John Constable, painter, 1837; Charlotte Bronte, novelist, 1855; Enid

Bagnold (Lady Jones), novelist. 1981. On this day: the Eiffel Tower was inaugurated Paris 1889; the Church in Wales was disestablished, 1920; Hampton Court Palace was badh damaged by fire, 1986. Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Acacius or Achatius. St Balbina. St Benjamin

Lectures

TODAY

and St Guy of Pomposa.

Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "After Cezanne", 1pm; Pavel Ma-chotka, "Cézanne: landscape into art", 3.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Eliza-beth Allen, "George Romney: a ne-glected master?", 3pm.

TOMORROW National Portrait Gallery: Paul Webb, "Edgar Wallace: writer of thrillers and plays", 3pm.

Byron Society

Peter Cochran was the chairman. Mrs Louise Belon, Mr John Carlisle, Mr Michael Foot, Lord Gilmour of Craig Miller and Lady Renouf also

Durham University Former students of the University of Durham (including King's, Armstrong and teacher training colleges) should have received the Spring Edition (No 3) of Durham First, the University of Durham's magazine. Anyone who has not done so is invited to contact the Development Of tice, Old Shire Hall, Durham DH1 3HP, for despatch of a copy (or tele

A new life for Jenny Rous-Twytte When the hour strikes, and they pass the

buckets and the credit-card machines around in evangelical meetings, I nowadays hand over a pledge card filled out in the name of Jenny Rous-Twytte. I imagine her as a county woman, pearled rather than twin-setted, with good teeth and clothes, who keeps a preoccupied eye on her husband at cocktail parties. Jenny signed a pledge card when Rodney Howard-Browne, a South African now based in Florida, brought his version of the Toronto Blessing to Earls Court las November, and he's been sending her

brochures every month since then. No one who has not read one of these catalogues could possibly imagine how many ways there are to merchandise a miracle. There are taped sermon sets: 10 hours from one of his summer shows in Kentucky in 1994 reduced to £15 the set; or the same shows are recorded on 14 videos, available for £150. Then there are the books, the music cassettes, and the invitations to this year's shows. The economics of modern fundamentalist Christianity cannot be understood without taking such merchandising into account. By promising (mendaciously) to spend £10. Jenny has got herself on to a mailing list for life, or at least until the rapture. No doubt, if she starts spending money, she will get carefully graduated appeals for more and

more, as supporters of Morris Cerullo do. If she sends Howard-Browne \$350, he will send the 50 videos from his back catalogue to the mission country of her choice. It doesn't matter whether they speak English there: "We have many firsthand reports of the Revival breaking out among groups of people who were watching an English version of the videos who

faith<u>o</u>reason

Fundamentalism is not what the religions of the modern world need to succeed, argues Andrew Brown. Instead, they must aim to envelop believers entirely, no matter what beliefs they teach.

did not understand a single word that was being spoken." One of the signs of revival with which Rodney is chiefly associated

is uncontrollable laughter in his audiences. Then there are the invitations to learn how to perform miracles just like Rodney: or, as he puts it, "[Students] will know how to continue to flow in the Anointing they have received in this Great Revival." This is a five-week residential course; tuition costs \$1,000 "IN FULL. IN ADVANCE". as the brochure puts it in capital letters. for fear of ambiguity; and students must find their own board and lodging. They are also expected to rent their own cars. and as a preliminary test of faith. "Teachers and courses will be announced at a

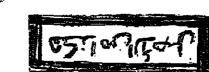
later date." This sort of stuff is usually described as "fundamentalism", both by its defenders and the rest of the world. Certainly. Howard-Browne constantly refers back to proof-texts. Many of his videos are based around a single verse in the Bible. But calling it fundamentalism misses its power and novelty. The Bible is too rich and diverse

a book for "fundamentalist" to be a wordthat predicts any particular sort of

behaviour. The essential thing about Howard-Browne, Morris Cerullo, Paul Yonggi-Cho. and all the vast tribe of miracle-working Protestants now swarming round the globe, is not that they have returned to the Bible – a doubtful and ambiguous claim

- but that they are trying to build forms of Christianity which will enclose the believers in an integrated world. It is not enough to be born again; you must be re-born into an entirely Christian world, filled with Christian videos. Christian holidays, Christian music. Christian vellow pages, and so on, as well as innumerable services and Bible study groups. The important thing is that no part of life should be autonomous and lived on unhelievers' terms. That is why a strict sexual code is important in growing religions, it hardly matters what this code should be provided only that

it is strict enough. All this seems an enormous distance from the Church of England. But the distance is diminishing. The successful churches all around the world are inclusivist in this way. They demand more discipline and less sophistication; they are constantly trying to withdraw into selfcontained moral containities. This is the model that all the mainstream churches are moving towards. It may even turn out to be the kind of moral community that Alasdair MacIntyre concluded that we need at the end of his hugely influential After Firme. And it it does, there will be nothing to do but sit down and weep with laughter as we had all been zapped. along with Jenny Rous-Twytte, at a Howard-Browne evangelical meeting,



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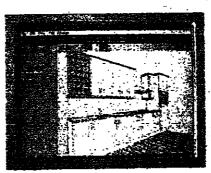
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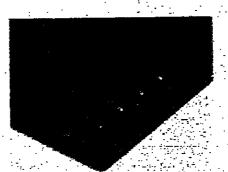
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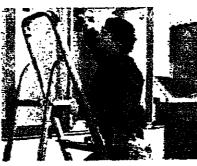
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